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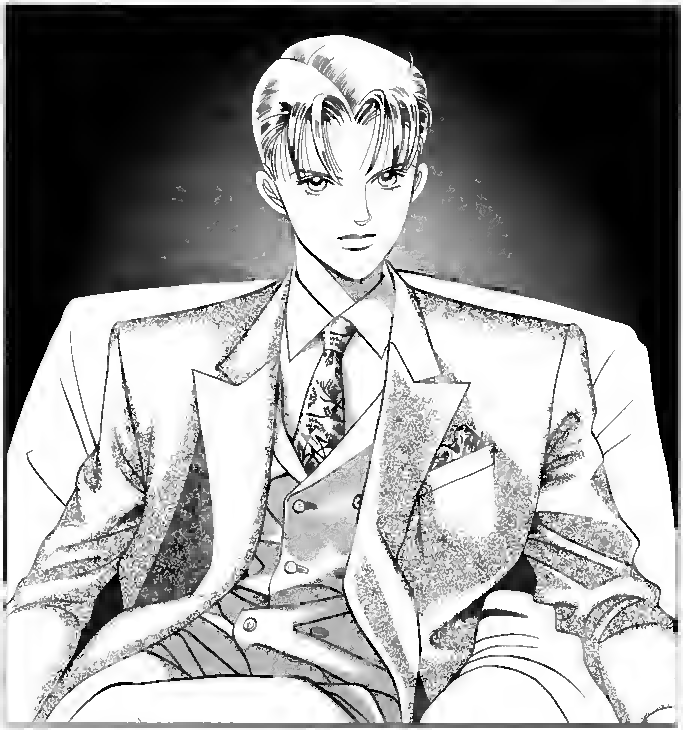

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WILD CATS
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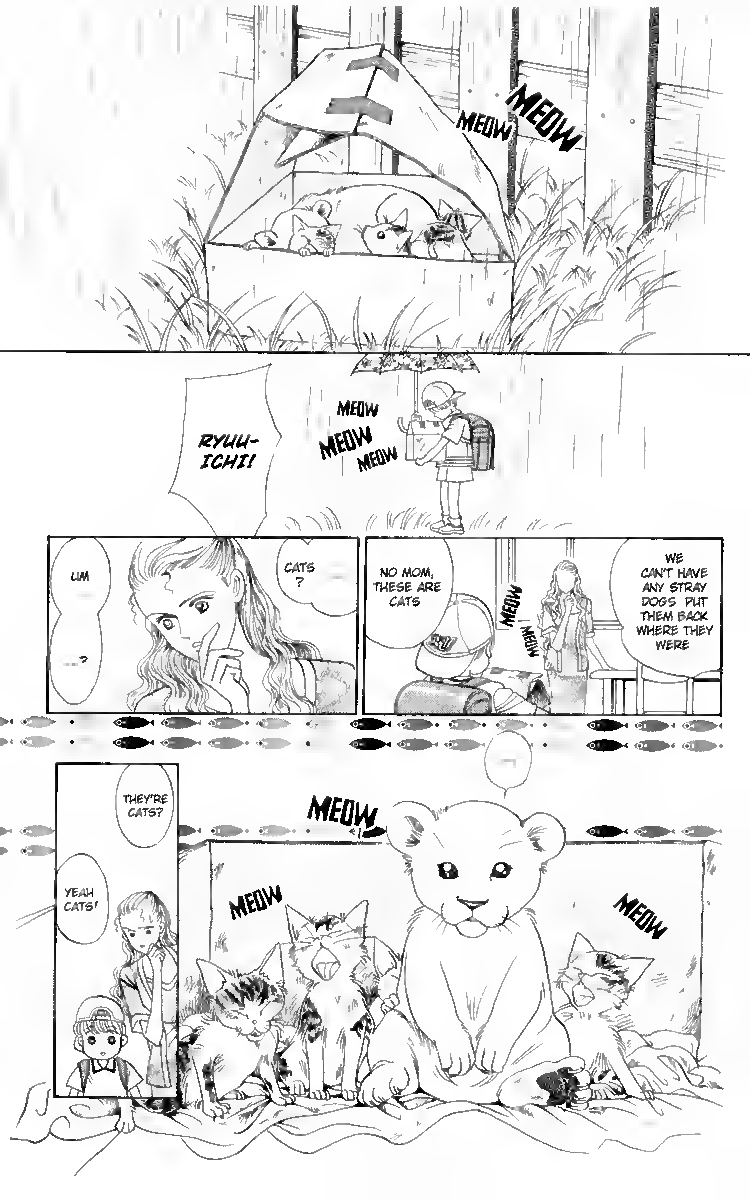
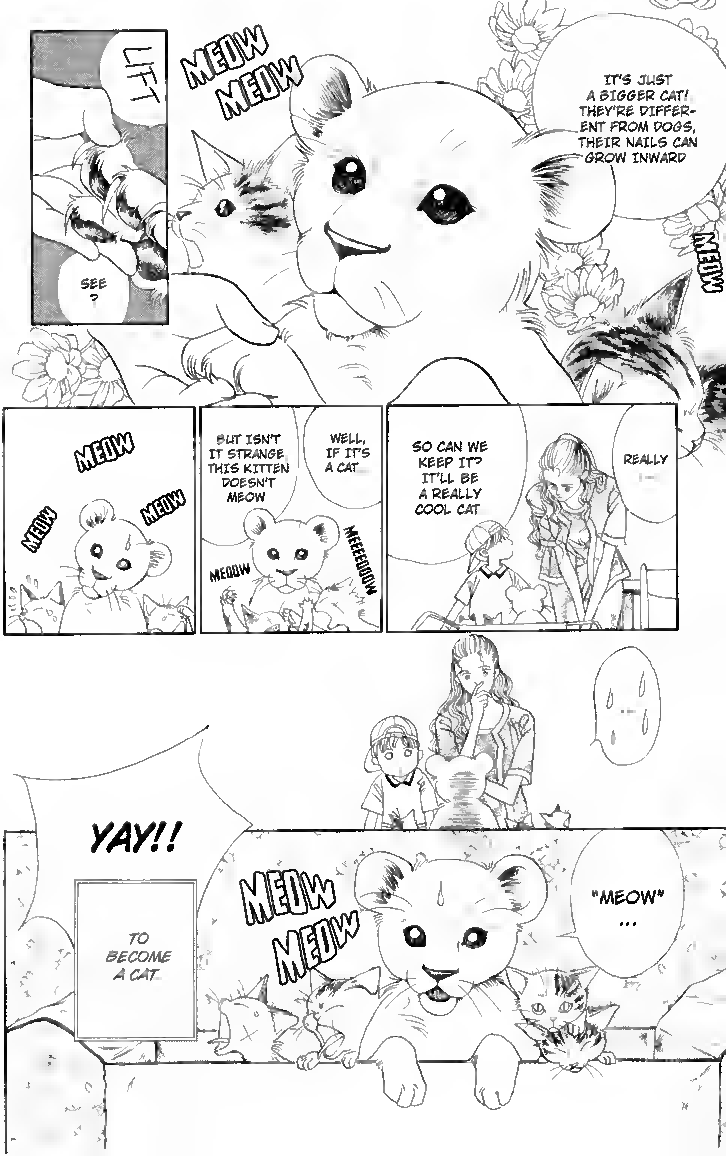
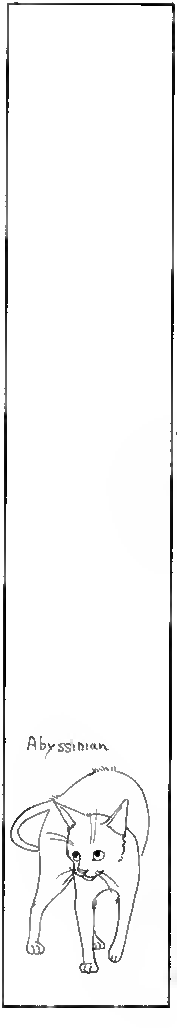
ONE DAY WE WERE SUDDENLY ABANDONED
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW


MEOW
MEOW
RYUU-ICHI!
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
UM
?
CATS?
NO MOM, THESE ARE CATS
MEOW
MEOW
WE CAN'T HAVE ANY STRAY DOGS. PUT THEM BACK WHERE THEY WERE
THEY'RE CATS?
YEAH CATS!
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW


LIFT
SEE ?
MEOW MEOW
IT'S JUST A BIGGER CAT! THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM DOGS, THEIR NAILS CAN GROW INWARD
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
BUT ISN'T IT STRANGE THIS KITTEN DOESN'T MEOW
WELL, IF IT'S A CAT
MEOW
MEEEOOOW
SO CAN WE KEEP IT? IT'LL BE A REALLY COOL CAT
REALLY
YAY!!
TO BECOME A CAT.
MEOW MEOW
"MEOW" ...


Abyssinian

ISN'T THIS GREAT? I GET TO KEEP YOU NOW, CAESAR!

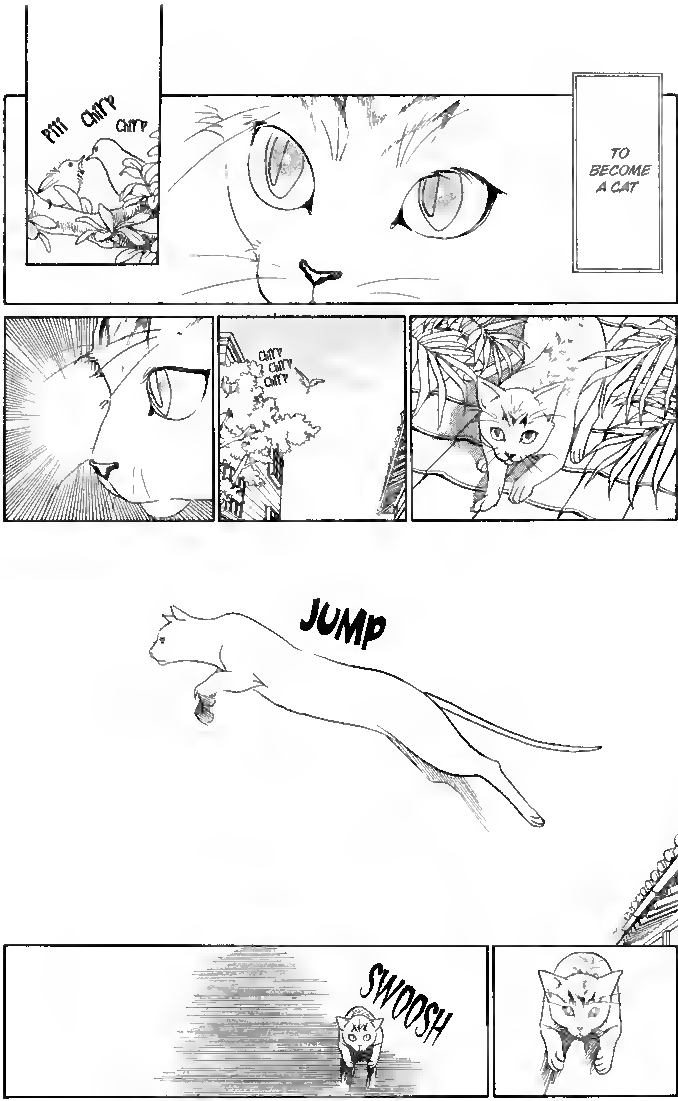
CAE-SAR ?

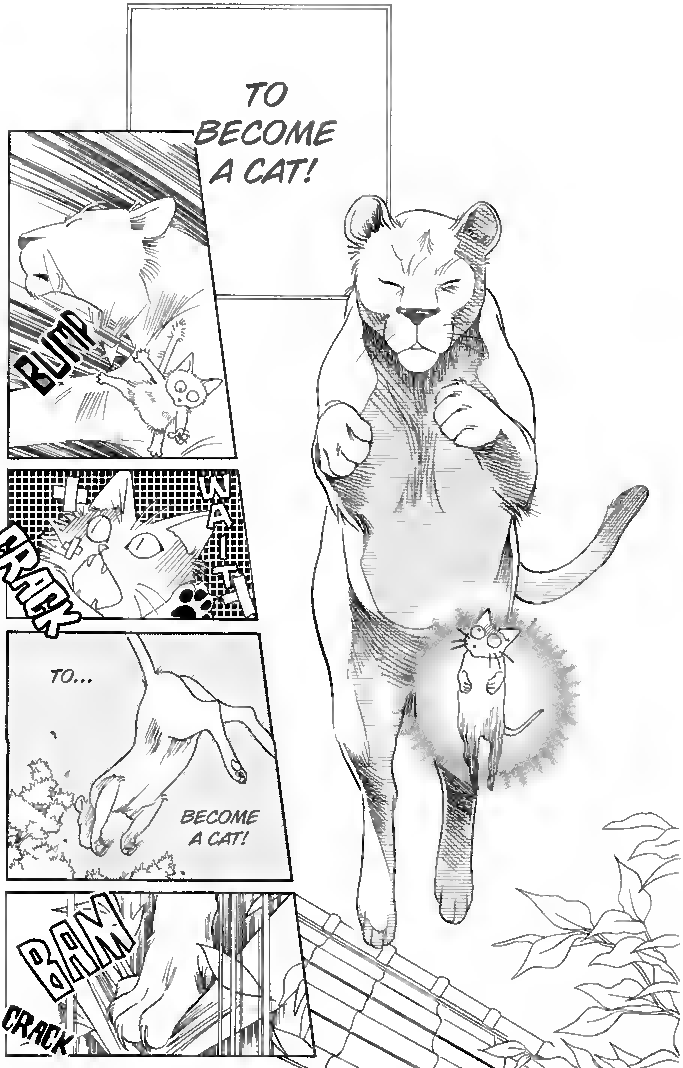
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A GREAT, BIG STRONG CAT LIKE A LION. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM
THAT'S YOUR NAME! CAESAR! DOESN'T IT SOUND REALLY COOL?

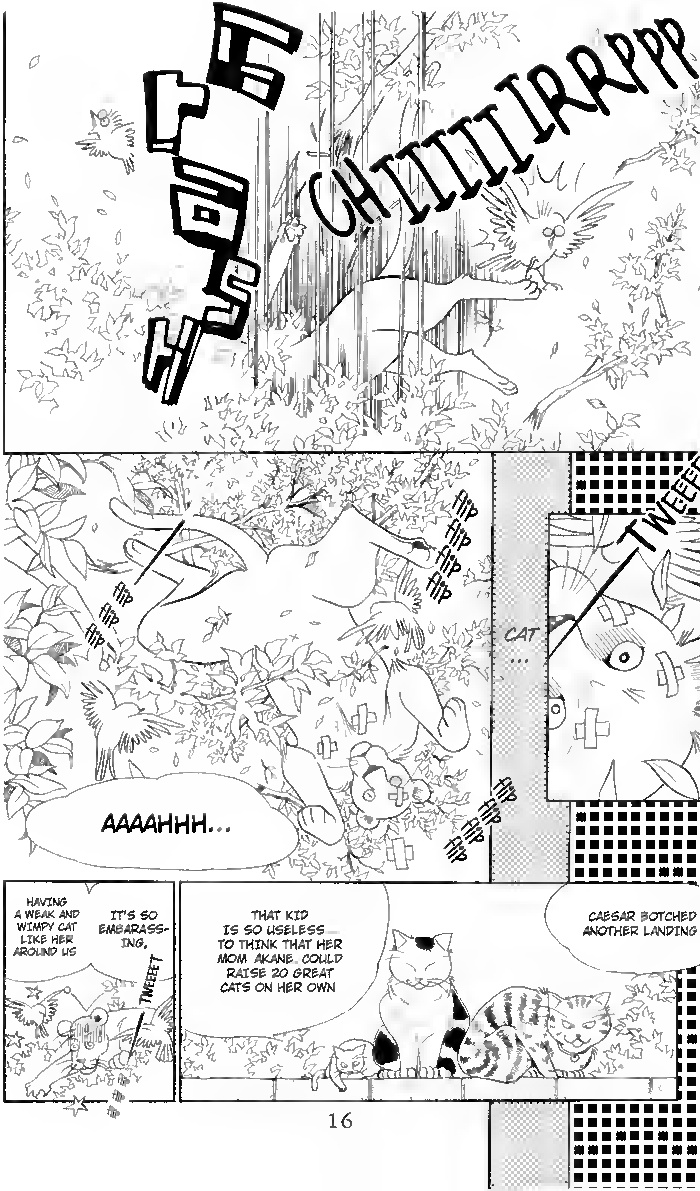
LIKE A LION.

TO BECOME A STRONG AND GREAT CAT...
?!

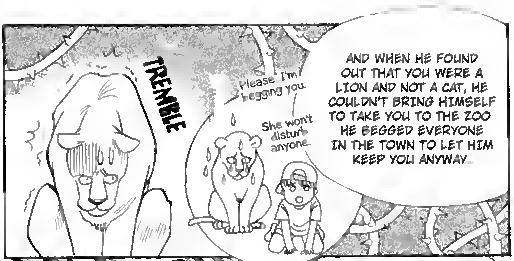
TO BECOME A STRONG AND GREAT CAT...
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
MILK
TO BECOME A CAT
TO BECOME A CAT
TO BECOME A CAT


PIYI CHIYP CHIYP
TO BECOME A CAT
CHIYP CHIYP CHIYP
JUMP
SWOOSH


TO BECOME A CAT!
BUMP
CRACK
TO...
BECOME A CAT!
BAM
CRACK


CHIIIIIRRPP
TWEEEE
CAT ...
AAAAHHH...
HAVING A WEAK AND WIMPY CAT LIKE HER AROUND US
IT'S SO EMBARASSING.
TWEET
THAT KID IS SO USELESS TO THINK THAT HER MOM AKANE COULD RAISE 20 GREAT CATS ON HER OWN
CAESAR BOTCHED ANOTHER LANDING

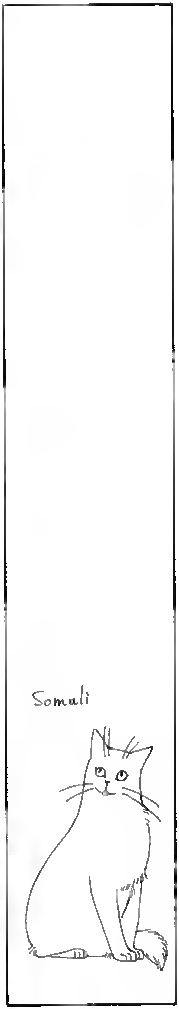
SHE'S THE "LION" KIND
I'm sorry
chirp chirp chirp
PII— PII—
My nest !!
pick pick pick
Bad kitty!
BUT IT'S SO WEIRD THAT HER BODY IS SO HUGE! MAYBE SHE HAS SOME DOG BLOOD OR SOMETHING
NO... SHE'S NOT A SIAMESE OR A TORTOISE SHELL CAT. SHE'S A CAT, ALL RIGHT
Go Home!
Get lost!
HA
WN
AKANE
MAMA
THIS WILL BE THE SIXTH YEAR SINCE THE FIRST TIME I GAVE YOU MILK.
I'VE RAISED 25 KIDS IN MY LIFETIME
BUT... IF THIS CONTINUES IT'LL BE HARD ON THE BOY WHO TOOK YOU IN SIX YEARS AGO TO MAKE YOU BECOME THE GREATEST CAT.
OH WELL... I CAN TAKE BEING THE ONLY ONE LAUGHED AT.
GASP
SIGH
FEELING DOWN
WITH A BODY LIKE YOURS YOU STILL CAN'T EVEN CATCH A MOUSE? I'M DISAPPOINTED
I'VE BECOME THE LAUGHING STOCK OF OTHERS. THEY KEEP ASKING ME, HOW DO I RAISE YOU?


TREMBLE
Please, I'm begging you.
She won't disturb anyone.
AND WHEN HE FOUND OUT THAT YOU WERE A LION AND NOT A CAT, HE COULDN'T BRING HIMSELF TO TAKE YOU TO THE ZOO HE BEGGED EVERYONE IN THE TOWN TO LET HIM KEEP YOU ANYWAY...

DON'T YOU FEEL BAD FOR MASTER RYUUICHI?

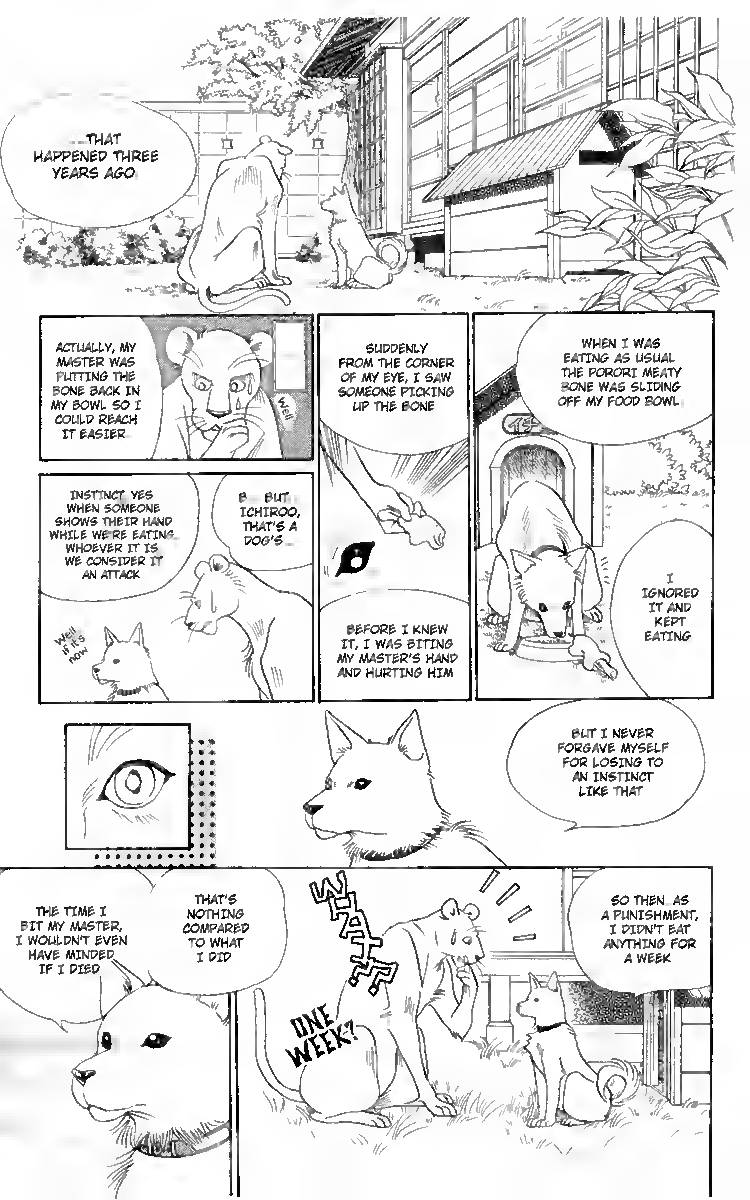
I ALWAYS WANTED A BIG STRONG CAT LIKE A LION IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM
MASTER RYUUICHI!

MASTER!
MY DREAM


Somali

HEY THAT'S RYUUICHI KAKEI
HUH? HIS EYES ARE REALLY RED! Interesting
HE HE
HEY, WHY'S YOUR HAIR LIKE AN OLD LADY'S? DID YOU BLEACH IT?
ISN'T IT HARD TO WHITEN IT EVERYDAY ?
DON'T TOUCH IT
HUH? WHAT IS IT?

OH
DRIP
INTEREST-ING
DO YOU HEAR ME?
I SAID DON'T TOUCH IT!
BAM
GAH!
HEY! THIS GUY STARTED WITH HIS FISTS.
GOOD. THAT MAKES IT EASIER
SMIRKER
SMIRKER


...THAT HAPPENED THREE YEARS AGO
ACTUALLY, MY MASTER WAS PUTTING THE BONE BACK IN MY BOWL SO I COULD REACH IT EASIER
WHIP
SUDDENLY FROM THE CORNER OF MY EYE, I SAW SOMEONE PICKING UP THE BONE
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS BITING MY MASTER'S HAND AND HURTING HIM
WHEN I WAS EATING AS USUAL THE PORORI MEATY BONE WAS SLIDING OFF MY FOOD BOWL
I IGNORED IT AND KEPT EATING
INSTINCT YES WHEN SOMEONE SHOWS THEIR HAND WHILE WE'RE EATING WHOEVER IT IS WE CONSIDER IT AN ATTACK
B BUT ICHIROO, THAT'S A DOG'S
WHY IS IT'S NOW
BUT I NEVER FORGAVE MYSELF FOR LOSING TO AN INSTINCT LIKE THAT
THE TIME I BIT MY MASTER, I WOULDN'T EVEN HAVE MINDED IF I DIED
THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT I DID
WHAT?!
ONE WEEK?
SO THEN, AS A PUNISHMENT, I DIDN'T EAT ANYTHING FOR A WEEK

WHEN THE RAIN FALLS AND THE WIND BLOWS, EVEN DURING A SNOWSTORM, YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR STANCE YOU ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DUTY AS A WATCHDOG
HYUUUUU
W WOW! WHAT A NOBLE HEART ICHIROO!
Oh, don't flatter me!
Huh?
What a beautiful leg!
WHEN NECESSARY JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER DOG, YOU ALWAYS PROPERLY MOUNT ON YOUR MASTER'S LAP ON CALL
You're so great Ichiro!
He's! Dogs don't Sweat!
EVEN IN THE HOTTEST DAYS OF SUMMER YOU KEEP GUARDING YOUR MASTER WITHOUT A DROP OF SWEAT
SOMEDAY I WANT TO BE USEFUL TO MASTER RYUUICHI TOO
TOUCHED
AH
CAESAR!!
THE ULTI-MATE ROLE MODEL !!
LIVE FOR THE MASTER, DIE FOR THE MASTER, AS A PET OR AS A WATCHDOG

CAESAR!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING RELAXING OVER HERE!!
Akane Mama
MASTER RYUUICHI IS IN DANGER... HURRY!
WHOOSH
WHAM

SHOVE
STUPID! DON'T HIT ANYTHING OBVIOUS LIKE HIS FACE, TOO HARD. THE POLICE'LL BE SUSPICIOUS LATER...
HIS FACE IS WHAT I HATE SO MUCH!
THAT'S ENOUGH ALREADY. LET'S GO
...
KICK
KICK
HEY!
HALF-JAPANESE OR WHATEVER, YOU STAND OUT TOO MUCH
I REALLY HATE YOUR STYLE
WORTHLESS PIECE OF SHIT
LET'S GO!
YEAH.
WHAT A LOSER
STOP

HUH? BACK AWAY?
DASH
I'LL KILL YOU!
WAIT! YOU IDIOT, BACK AWAY!
WAIT! HEY!
BAS-TARD!
HA!
SWISH

THE KAKEI FAMILY LION!
...
HUH?
A LION?
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
CEASAR!
AAHHH!!
SNARL

WAA
WAA
NO, CAESAR !
AAAA
AAAA
DASH
KEEPS RUNNING

WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
ARF
ARF
ARF
WHIZ_WHIZ
HUH ?
PATTER
PATTER
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
ARF
ARF
ARF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
AH
THAT_

Keeps slipping until she can't climb up anymore
AHHHHHH!
HELP!!!
I'm really scared
WOOF
THANK GOODNESS!! PLEASE HELP ME! I ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON THAT DOG'S TAIL WHEN I WAS ON MY WAY HERE. THAT'S WHY
AH!
MASTER!
CAESAR
ARF ARF ARF!!!
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
WHILE I KEPT TRYING TO CLIMB,

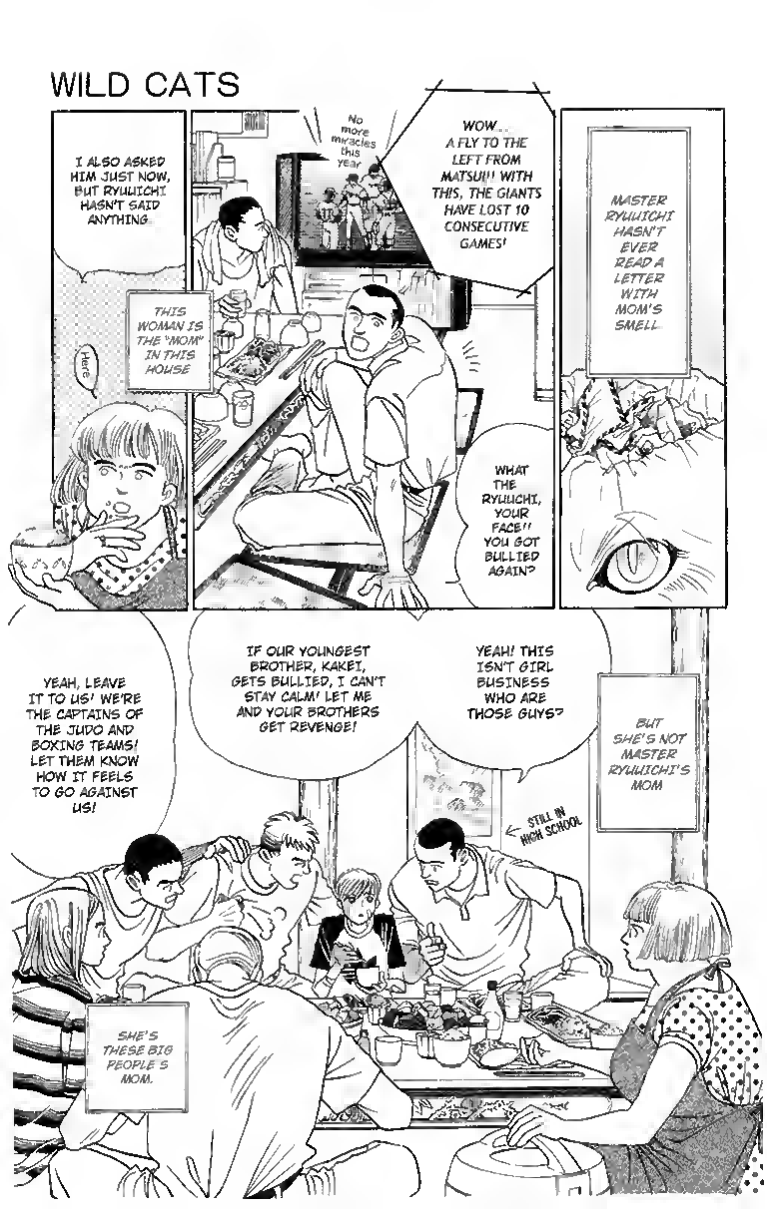
BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE
cry
cry
I REALIZED I HAD HURT MASTER RYUUICHI
AGAIN
IN A GLANCE I SAW THAT MASTER RYUUICHI'S BLOODY FACE WAS EXPRESSIONLESS.
"JUST LIKE YOU!"
"AS THEY SAY, A PET IS JUST LIKE ITS OWNER ISN'T THAT RIGHT, KAKEI?"
SOW
SOW
"EVEN MY CAT IS STRONGER THAN THAT!"
WOOF WOOF WOOF
"LOOK AT ITS FACE!"
GRRRR
WHAHAHAHA
"THAT'S UNBELIEBABLE! YOU CALL THAT A LION?"
WIPE
"IT LOOKS GREAT, BUT IT'S REALLY JUST A COWARD!"

HE HASN'T SAID A WORD SINCE THEN
MASTER RYUUICHI
RYUUICHI HELPED HER DOWN WITH A LADDER
WALK SLOWLY
I WANT TO ALWAYS BE AT MASTER'S SIDE IF I CAN
I,
MASTER RYUUICHI
BUT I KNOW THEY LAUGHED AT MASTER RYUUICHI BECAUSE OF ME
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY WERE SAYING
HAHAHAHA
HMMMM
AARSU
WHY DO YOU KEEP CRYING? AND DON'T WALK LIKE YOU'RE SO PITIFUL CAESAR!
I'LL ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GO
....
I
IF I'M JUST A BURDEN, PLEASE PUT ME IN THE ZOO OR A WILDLIFE PARK ANYTIME...
STRAIGHTEN
DON'T EVER FOLLOW ME AGAIN IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
FINE THEN!
IF YOU'RE REALLY A LION, AT LEAST WALK WITH YOUR HEAD HIGH!
HOWEVER WEAK YOU MIGHT BE, NEVER THROW AWAY YOUR PRIDE AS A LION!

I'LL DEFINITELY PAY THOSE GUYS BACK SOMEDAY!
THOSE BASTARDS... DEFINITELY...
MASTER
AH!
OH, RIGHT! RYUUICHI, YOU GOT A LETTER I PUT IT IN YOUR ROOM
WELCOME HOME
SORRY, DINNER'S NOT READY YET! YOUR BROTHER IS LATE
WAIT, RYUUICHI ?!
STEP STEP
WHAT? RYUUICHI YOUR FACE...
OH, NO! YOU GOT BULLIED AGAIN?
THANKS!

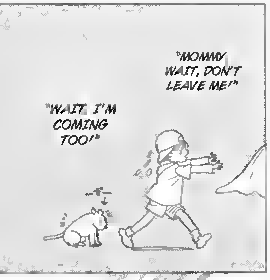
EVER SINCE JUNIOR HIGH, MASTER'S FACE HAS NEVER BEEN CLEAR OF CUTS AND BRUISES
OUCH OUCH OUCH
PSHHH
TUK
OH?
MASTER RYUUICHI HAS A SMALL BODY AND A CUTE FACE LIKE A GIRL COMPARED TO OTHER PEOPLE, THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR, SKIN, AND EYES ARE LIGHTER...
IT SEEMS THAT HE HAS THE BLOOD OF ANOTHER NATIONALITY
AH!
Slide
PUT DOWN
ONLY BECAUSE OF THAT. EVEN WHEN HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG HE GETS BULLIED BY THOSE PEOPLE JUST LIKE NOW...

A LETTER FROM MOM!
THAT IS
BUT,
RIP
THE LETTER ALWAYS HAS MOM'S SMELL THAT'S HOW I KNOW
BAM
STOMP STOMP STOMP
Dinner's time for dinner!
SHOVE

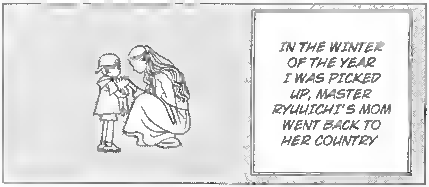

I ALSO ASKED HIM JUST NOW, BUT RYUUICHI HASN'T SAID ANYTHING.
No more miracles this year
WOW... A FLY TO THE LEFT FROM MATSUI!! WITH THIS, THE GIANTS HAVE LOST 10 CONSECUTIVE GAMES!
MASTER RYUUICHI HASN'T EVER READ A LETTER WITH MOM'S SMELL.
THIS WOMAN IS THE "MOM" IN THIS HOUSE
Here
WHAT THE RYUUICHI, YOUR FACE!! YOU GOT BULLIED AGAIN?
YEAH, LEAVE IT TO US! WE'RE THE CAPTAINS OF THE JUDO AND BOXING TEAMS! LET THEM KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO GO AGAINST US!
IF OUR YOUNGEST BROTHER, KAKEI, GETS BULLIED, I CAN'T STAY CALM! LET ME AND YOUR BROTHERS GET REVENGE!
YEAH! THIS ISN'T GIRL BUSINESS WHO ARE THOSE GUYS?
BUT SHE'S NOT MASTER RYUUICHI'S MOM
STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL
SHE'S THESE BIG PEOPLE'S MOM.

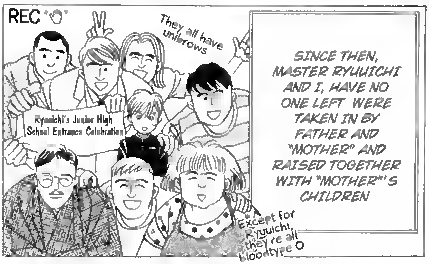
THERE ARE A FEW WAYS TO SAY "MOM" IN THE HUMAN WORLD. THIS MOM IS CALLED "MOTHER"
She has a unibrow.
I KNOW YOU'RE MY BROTHERS, BUT SINCE IT'S MY PROBLEM, I WANT TO FIX IT MYSELF. I DON'T NEED YOU HELP
THANKS SOU, KAI, RIKU, KOU, AND TAKE!
BUT...
IT'S FINE, REALLY! I'M SORRY IF I ALWAYS MAKE YOU GUYS WORRY!
THAT'S ENOUGH RIKU!
CLANG
I don't like that!
THUD
YOU'RE SO CUTE!
Ma Master's in danger & that's me
Eh
YEAH
WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW IS BULLYING TOO, YOU KNOW
Lemme kiss you good luck!
...
YOU'RE SO CUTE!! WORK HARD!! WE'LL SUPPORT YOU!!
CHUUU CHUUU
RIKU!! KAI! EAT YOUR FOOD FIRST!
MASTER RYUUCHI'S MOM WAS HIS FATHER'S MISTRESS
Mom when she was young
She had blonde hair

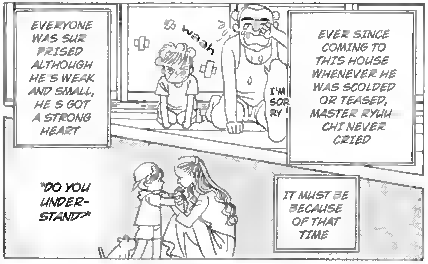
"MOMMY!"

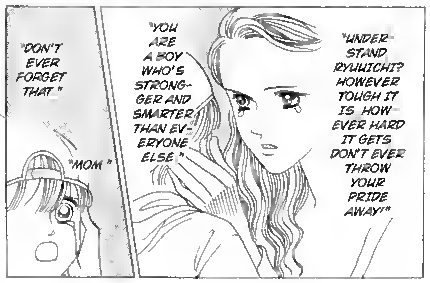

"MOMMY, WAIT, DON'T LEAVE ME!"
"WAIT. I'M COMING TOO!"

"MOMMY!"


IN THE WINTER OF THE YEAR I WAS PICKED UP, MASTER RYUUICHI'S MOM WENT BACK TO HER COUNTRY


REC "O"
They all have underarrows
Ryuuichi's Junior High School Entrance Celebration
SINCE THEN, MASTER RYUUICHI AND I, HAVE NO ONE LEFT WERE TAKEN IN BY FATHER AND "MOTHER" AND RAISED TOGETHER WITH "MOTHER"'S CHILDREN
Except for Ryuuichi! They're all bloodtype O


EVERYONE WAS SURPRISED ALTHOUGH HE'S WEAK AND SMALL, HE'S GOT A STRONG HEART
waah
I'M SORRY
EVER SINCE COMING TO THIS HOUSE WHENEVER HE WAS SCOLDED OR TEASED, MASTER RYUUICHI NEVER CRIED
"DO YOU UNDERSTAND?"
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THAT TIME


"DON'T EVER FORGET THAT"
"MOM"
"YOU ARE A BOY WHO'S STRONGER AND SMARTER THAN EVERYONE ELSE"
"UNDERSTAND RYUUICHI? HOWEVER TOUGH IT IS HOWEVER HARD IT GETS DON'T EVER THROW YOUR PRIDE AWAY!"

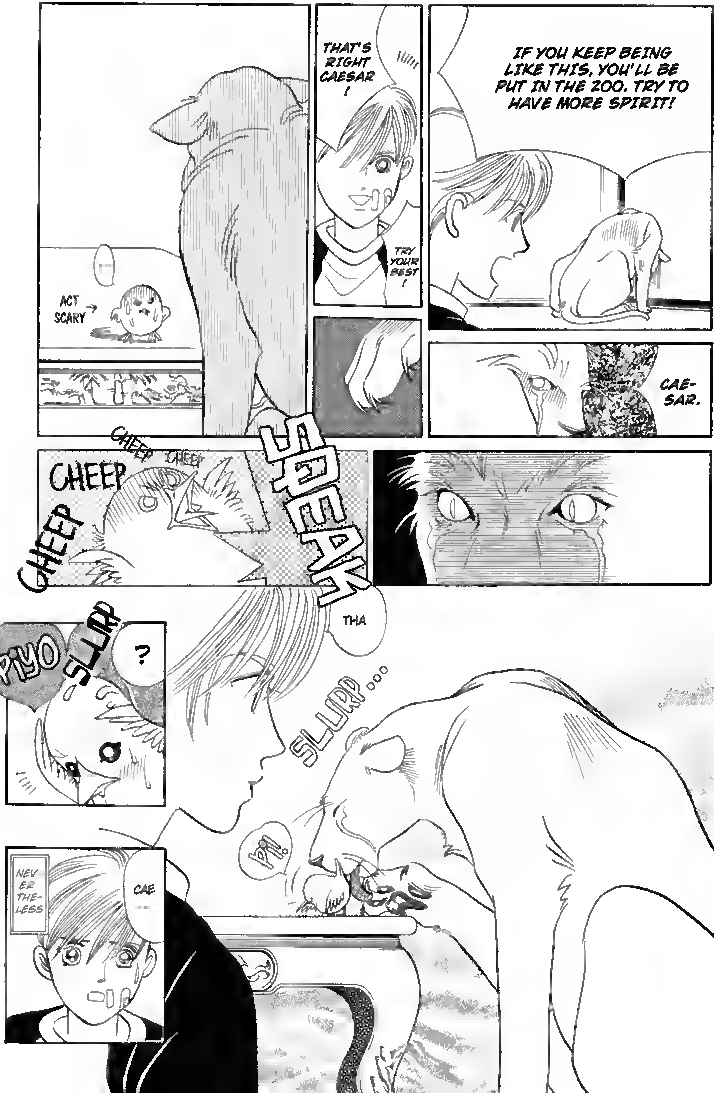
"MOMMY! WAIT!"
"MOMMY!"
"MOMMY ..."
"DON'T LEAVE ME!"
MASTER RYUUICHI AND I WERE BOTH THROWN AWAY
AT THAT TIME MASTER MUST HAVE CRIED ENOUGH TEARS TO LAST HIM HIS WHOLE LIFE
CAESAR ?
YES.
THE ZOO
UM

THAT'S EXACTLY IT
...BUT, UP UNTIL NOW CAESAR HASN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HURT ANYONE. SHE'S SO SHY, AND SHE CAN'T EVEN CATCH A MOUSE. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
AMONG HER KIND, SHE WILL LEARN TO HOW TO HUNT AGAIN AND CAESAR WILL BE HAPPIER TOO
If you don't want to send her to the zoo, then the wildlife park is fine, too
ISN'T IT BETTER IF A LION IS RAISED AMONG OTHER LIONS? IT'S FOR CAESAR'S OWN GOOD
RYUUICHI IT'S OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP A LION IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN
EVEN WITH HER BIG BODY, SHE CAN'T EVEN CATCH A MOUSE. SHE ALWAYS COMES HOME WITH INJURIES FROM THE NEIGHBOR'S CATS AND DOGS... ISN'T THAT SAD? SHE'S NOT EVEN A REAL LION ANYMORE
CLOSE
HE'S SIMILAR TO CAESAR
LATELY IT'S GOTTEN WORSE JUST BECAUSE HE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS. HE GETS BULLIED... POOR THING
DID YOU SEE? THOSE CUTS ON HIS FACE...
AH?
He buys the lion food with his own allowance.
EVEN WITHOUT ALL THIS TROUBLE
RAISING HIM ALONE IS HARD ENOUGH

HOWEVER TOUGH IT IS...
YES, HIM TOO. IF ONLY HE DIDN'T LIVE IN A SMALL TOWN IN JAPAN, BUT INSTEAD IN A PLACE WHERE MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE LIVE, LIKE EUROPE OR AMERICA. MAYBE HE WOULDN'T SEEM WEIRD AND HE WOULDN'T BE BULLIED...
TRANSFORMATION
TO BE STRONG AND GREAT LIKE A LION
COME HERE!
CAESAR! WHAT ARE YOU SO SCARED OF? WATCH CLOSELY, I RECORDED THIS FOR YOU!
BUT... BUT MASTER THERE'S SO MUCH BLOOD! EEEEK! IT'S SO BLOODY! EEEK!
EEK!

AH!
THIS IS HOW THE LION HUNTS
YOU'RE KIND, THE LION, IS THE STRONGEST IN THE SAVANNA. THAT BLOOD ALSO FLOWS IN YOUR BODY. SO PAY ATTENTION!
HOOH
RUN! RUN!
WATCH OUT!
THAT BABY DEER IS INJURED
!

OOHH !!!
BURST
MUNCH
BANG BANG BANG
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
UWOOO
HERE !
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? NOW, DO WHAT YOU SAW JUST NO! IT'S YOUR TURN NOW.
CAE-SAR !
IF YOU'RE A CAT, THEN HUNT LIKE A CAT!
DO YOU WANT TO BE A FOOL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

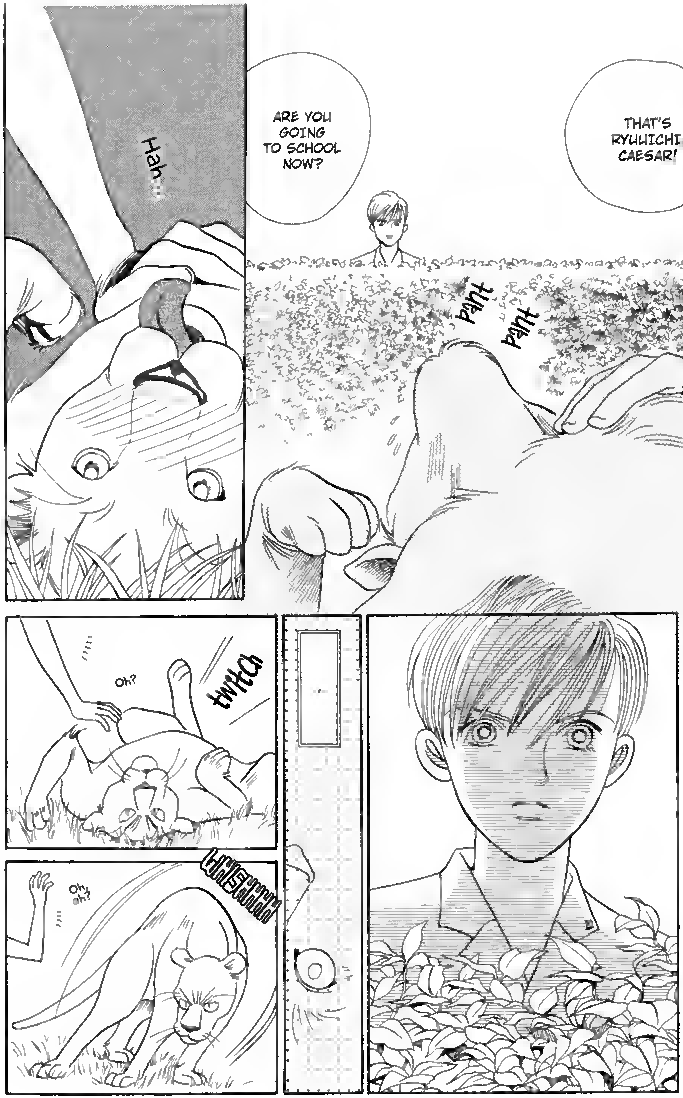

ACT SCARY
THAT'S RIGHT CAESAR!
TRY YOUR BEST!
IF YOU KEEP BEING LIKE THIS, YOU'LL BE PUT IN THE ZOO. TRY TO HAVE MORE SPIRIT!
CAESAR.
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
CHEEP
HEEAK
THA
PYO
SLURP
?
SLURP...
PU
NEVERTHELESS
CAE

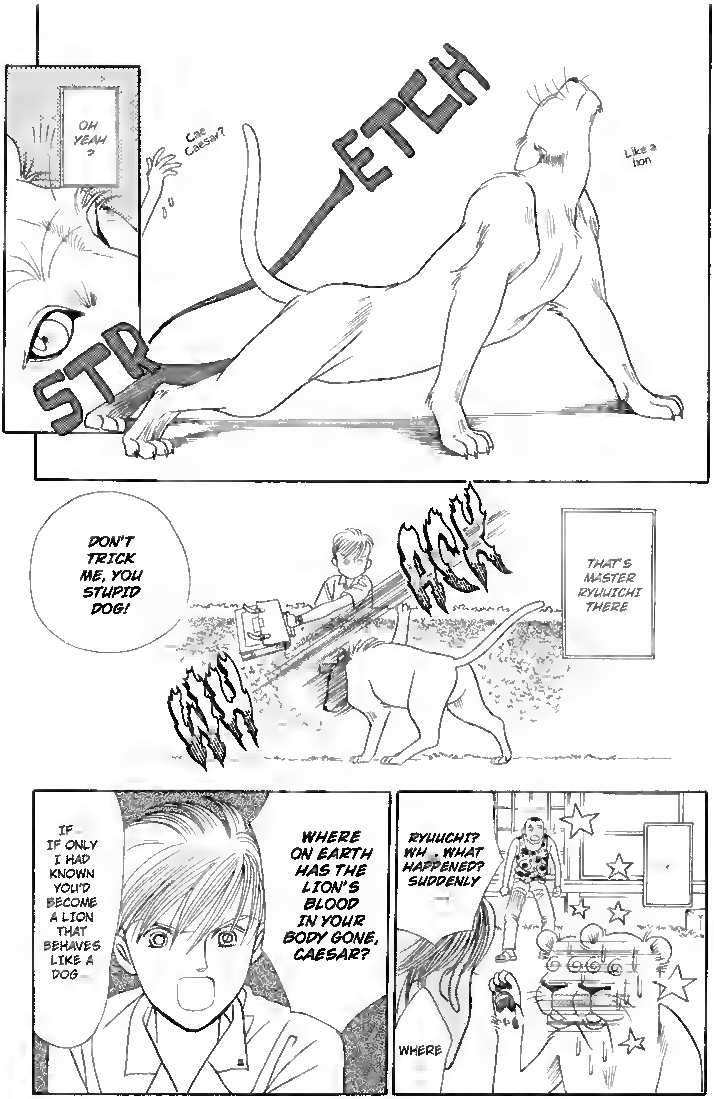
YOU THINK YOU'RE A NIGHTINGALE?
HIT
I WANT TO GIVE THE BIRD WARMTH
PEEP!
FINE!
BAM
WITH A NO BLOODSHED PRINCIPLE LIKE GANDHI?
WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING WITH CAESAR RYUUICHI?
CAAAA CAAAA
CHOAK CHOAK
MEOW
MEOW
MEOW
TWEET
FLAP FLAP
THIS IS FANTASY LAND
WITH ALL FRIENDS
LET HER BE THAT'S HER NATURE
SEEMS LIKE IT'S GETTING MORE RIDICULOUS LATELY
Really
A fantasy world like Disneyland
I AM SNOW WHITE.

AH MASTER ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?
howl
I want to come along
HUNT
HUNT
WAIT
WAIT
UNTIL YOU LEARN HOW TO HUNT PROPERLY,
DON'T EVER FOLLOW ME, CAESAR
CLOSE
THERE IS NO EXCUSE
MASTER
BUT I'M REALLY SCARED WATCHING THE VIDEO
BARING MY FANGS TO DIABLE A BIGGER PREY THAN MYSELF
THEN RAVISH IT ALIVE THAT'S TRULY A SCARY SIGHT

WHAT IS THE BEST PART TO AIM FOR?
I KNOW THE TASTE OF THAT BLOOD
IT GIVES ME THE CHILLS
JUST ONCE
THE DESIRE TO HUNT
NO MATTER HOW SMALL THE PREY IS
JUST ONCE I START TO HUNT THEM, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP
SINCE WHEN DID SHE START TO "HOWL" AND "WHINE" LIKE THAT?
COME TO THINK OF IT...
MAYBE SHE STARTED TO HANG OUT WITH THE NEIGHBOR'S DOG BEHIND MY BACK
JUST ONCE I START TO HUNT THEM, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STAY BY MASTER RYUUICHI'S SIDE EVER AGAIN...

HERE, GO PET IT, ICHI-ROO!
THY
OW
As the owner I should have trusted my pet more. SIGH
NO, NO. IT COULDN'T BE SHE'S ALREADY BEHAVING LIKE A CAT AND IT CAN'T BE SHE'S GOING TO BEHAVE LIKE A DOG AS WELL, EVEN AS A JOKE. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS RAISED AMONG CATS AND DOGS I'VE ALWAYS TOLD HER TO MAINTAIN HER LION'S PRIDE
BOFF
BUT WHAT TO DO? CAESAR IS SMART COMPARED TO DOGS
OKAY OKAY HERE'S YOUR REWARD
WOOF WOOF WOOF
AW... NO WAY ICHIROO! CAESAR CAUGHT IT AGAIN!
OH? SOME-BODY'S HERE...
PURR—YY PURR—YY PURR—YY
YES, YES YOU'RE MORE OF A DOG THAN ICHIROO AREN'T YOU, CAESAR!
So nice
Stroke me again?
BEG!
DRINK
DRINK
NOW, SIT
SIT


Hah...
ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL NOW?
THAT'S RYUUICHI CAESAR!
Huh
Huh
twitch
Oh?
Oh?
Oh?


OH YEAH ?
Cae Caesar?
STR
ETCH
Like a lion
DON'T TRICK ME, YOU STUPID DOG!
FOU
GRRR
THAT'S MASTER RYUUICHI THERE
IF... IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN YOU'D BECOME A LION THAT BEHAVES LIKE A DOG...
WHERE ON EARTH HAS THE LION'S BLOOD IN YOUR BODY GONE, CAESAR?
RYUUICHI? WH...WHAT HAPPENED? SUDDENLY
WHERE

WHEN I DISCOVERED YOU WERE A LION, I SHOULD HAVE JUST PUT YOU IN THE ZOO !
I SHOULD NOT HAVE KEPT YOU ...
"YOUR PRIDE."
"DON'T EVER FORGET"
THIS IS STUPID !
SINCE THE BE-GINNING ..
RYUU-ICHI!
"CAE-SAR"
WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH RYUUICHI... IS HE ALL RIGHT CAESAR?

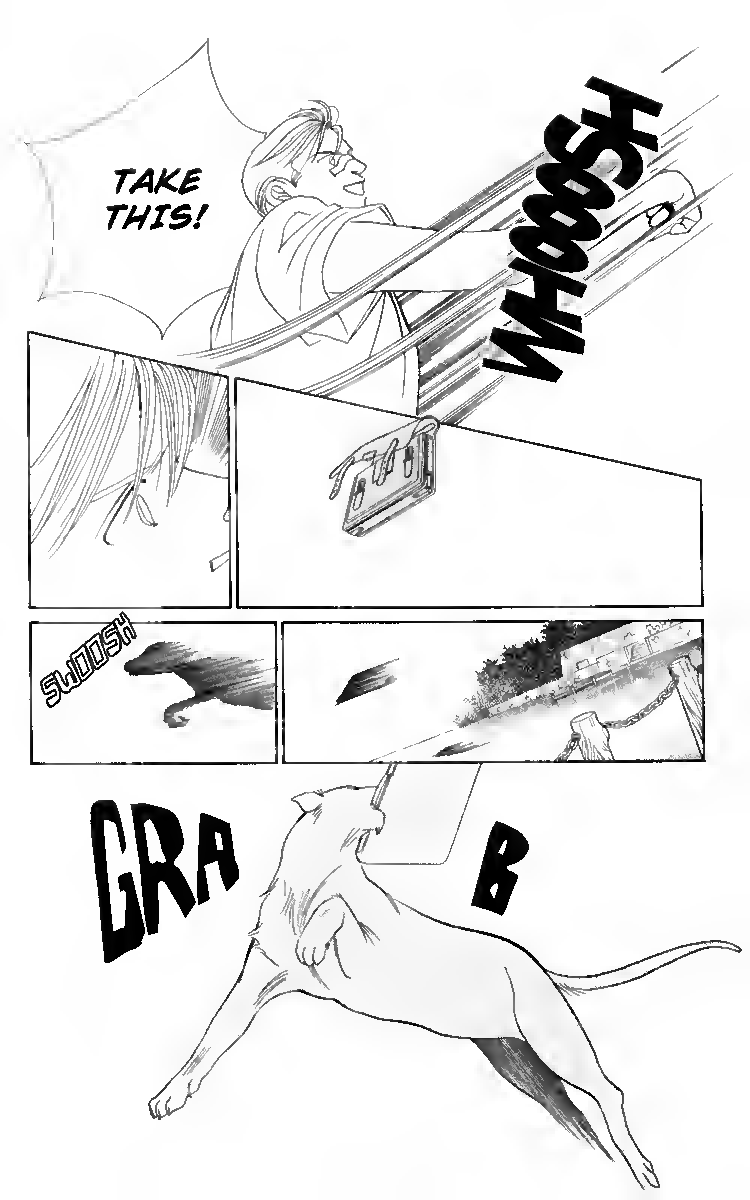
"LET'S BE STRONG!"
"I ALSO WANT TO BE STRONG LIKE CAESAR."
"CAESAR, YOU TOO WHEN YOU WERE THROWN AWAY, YOU NEVER CRIED DID YOU?"
"I WON'T CRY ANY-MORE."
"I DON'T NEED MOM ANYMORE."
"WE'LL ALWAYS BE TO-GETHER, CAESAR."
"CAE-SAR!"
"IT'S OKAY, CAE-SAR!"
"I'LL CATCH YOU WHEN YOU FALL."

YOU'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER
YOU'RE THE LION'S OWNER WHO COMES HERE OFTEN, AREN'T YOU?
YOU
WHERE'S YOUR LION TODAY?
NOT TOGETHER?
I'M A BIG FAN OF HERS YOU KNOW ♡
Lions are beautiful aren't they?
OH WELL IT'S LIKE THIS I KEEP THIS GARDEN CLEAN AS PART OF MY PART-TIME JOB
SHUFFLE
Can't live on painting alone.
?
RUSTLE
THIS!
FOR YOU.

AH... I MEANT TO THROW THEM AWAY BUT...
CAESAR DID?
SEEMS LIKE IT'S NOT JUST RUBBISH
Better give them back to the owner
I'M NOT SOME WEIRD PERSON! THE LION WAS COLLECTING THESE!
THE TREE HOLE OVER THERE!
WHAT?
?
Back off slowly
?
Occasionally approached by perverts
rustle
THESE WERE HIDDEN IN A VERY DIFFICULT PLACE TO FIND
THIS
Kyouichi-Sama
OCCASIONALLY, I SEE HER BRING A PIECE OF PAPER IN HER MOUTH
I NEVER EXPECTED HER TO GATHER THIS MUCH
THERE'S STILL MORE?
AH, THERE'S PLENTY
RUSTLE
I HAVE TO CLEAN THEM ANYWAY
JUST TAKE IT IF THEY'RE IMPORTANT

MY TORN... LETTERS FROM MOM ?
EVEN LETTERS FROM 6 YEARS AGO ARE HERE!
SHE REALLY ...!
WHAM

MAYBE IT WAS THROWN AWAY?
WHOSE IS IT? WHO WOULD LEAVE SUCH AN IMPORTANT BAG LYING HERE LIKE THIS?
SHAKE SHAKE
MAYBE IT'S NOT NEEDED ANYMORE? THE TEXTBOOK THE NOTES
AH, MAYBE SO
STOP IT!
YO!
I'LL MAKE YOU A NEW ONE
NO MORE BANDAGES
THE INJURIES ON YOUR FACE SEEMED TO HAVE EH, KAKEI?
COME ON DOWN THEN!


TAKE THIS!
WHOOSH
SWOOSH
GRA
B

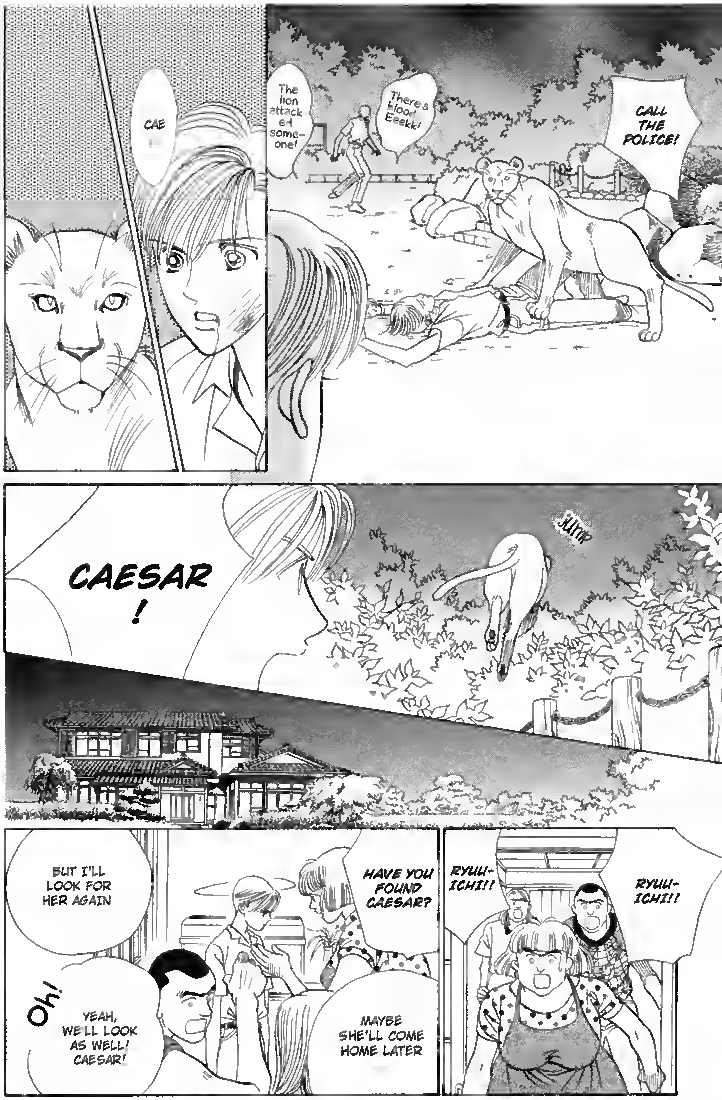
TAP
CAE-
SAR!
GRR
GRR
GRR

GRRRRRRR
WEAKER THAN DOGS AND CATS
BUT SO BOLD IN FRONT OF SOME PEOPLE
H... HEY!
...
WHAT'S THIS?
JUST LIKE ITS MASTER REALLY RESENTFUL
KICK
TAKE THIS!
H... HEY, THAT'S ENOUGH, MOTOKI! IT IS GETTING REALLY ANGRY.
CAESAR!
GRRRRR
SHUT UP! THIS IS TRAINING, YOU KNOW, TRAINING! THIS STUPID LION MUST BE TAUGHT WHO'S SUPERIOR TO PUT IT IN ITS PLACE.
UNDERSTAND? THERE WON'T BE A SECOND CHANCE FOR YOU TO THREATEN PEOPLE WITH YOUR FANGS.

BAM
KICK
KICK
I CAN SEND YOU TO THE CARE CENTER'S GAS CHAMBER ANYTIME!
THAT HURTS
UGH
YOU
LET CAESAR GO!
PUNCH
RAS-CAL!
MAS-TER

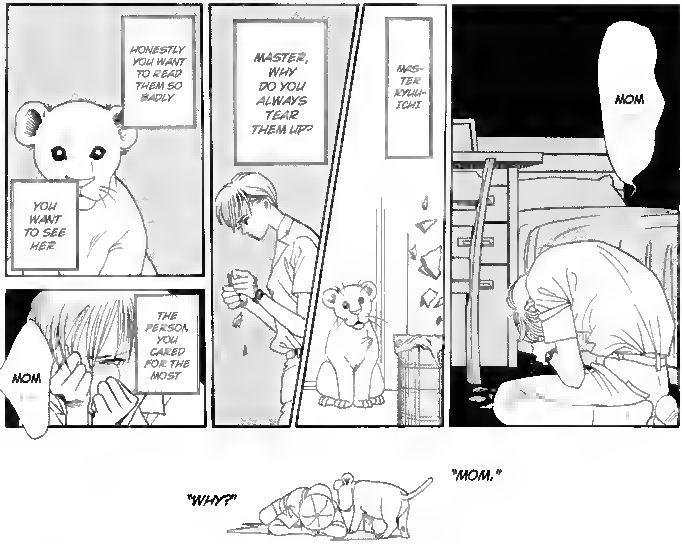
MASTER'S BLOOD.

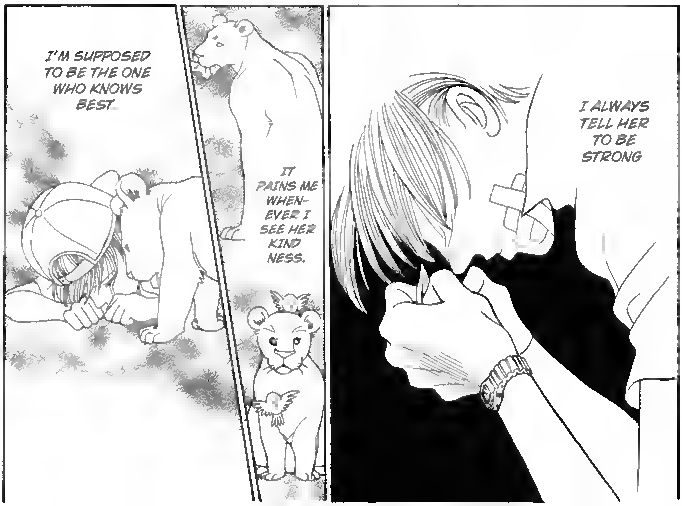
CAESAR!


CAE
The lion attacked someone!
There's blood! Eeek!!
CALL THE POLICE!
CAESAR !
SLASH!
BUT I'LL LOOK FOR HER AGAIN
Oh!
YEAH, WE'LL LOOK AS WELL! CAESAR!
HAVE YOU FOUND CAESAR?
MAYBE SHE'LL COME HOME LATER
RYUU-ICHI!!
RYUU-ICHI!!

THIS... THE MEMBER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S SAID... THIS WAS ALL OVER THE PLACE
YOU'RS ?
Caesar will be shot?
I'M FINE...
OH, RIGHT. RYUU-ICHI
THANK YOU, BROTHER... BUT SHE'S VERY EMOTIONAL RIGHT NOW. THE POLICE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE A GUN HAD BETTER NOT GO OUT...
Gun?
Gun?
BU... BUT RYUUICHI YOU TOO
UMM...
NO...
THIS... IS CAESAR'S
CAESAR'S COLLECTING MOTHER'S LETTERS
CAN IT READ? A LION? READING A LETTER?
BUT, WHY?
I KNOW THAT ALREADY!
...LIONS CAN'T READ, BROTHER RIKU

I am sorry
Ryuichi-san also
thinking about you
want to see you
RUSTLE
Every day the post
Waiting at the park
I saw you in my dream
yesterday


HONESTLY YOU WANT TO READ THEM SO BADLY
YOU WANT TO SEE HER
MASTER, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TEAR THEM UP?
MAS-TER KYUU-ICHI!
MOM
MOM
THE PERSON YOU CARED FOR THE MOST
"WHY?"
"MOM."


I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONE WHO KNOWS BEST.
IT PAINS ME WHEN-EVER I SEE HER KIND NESS.
I ALWAYS TELL HER TO BE STRONG

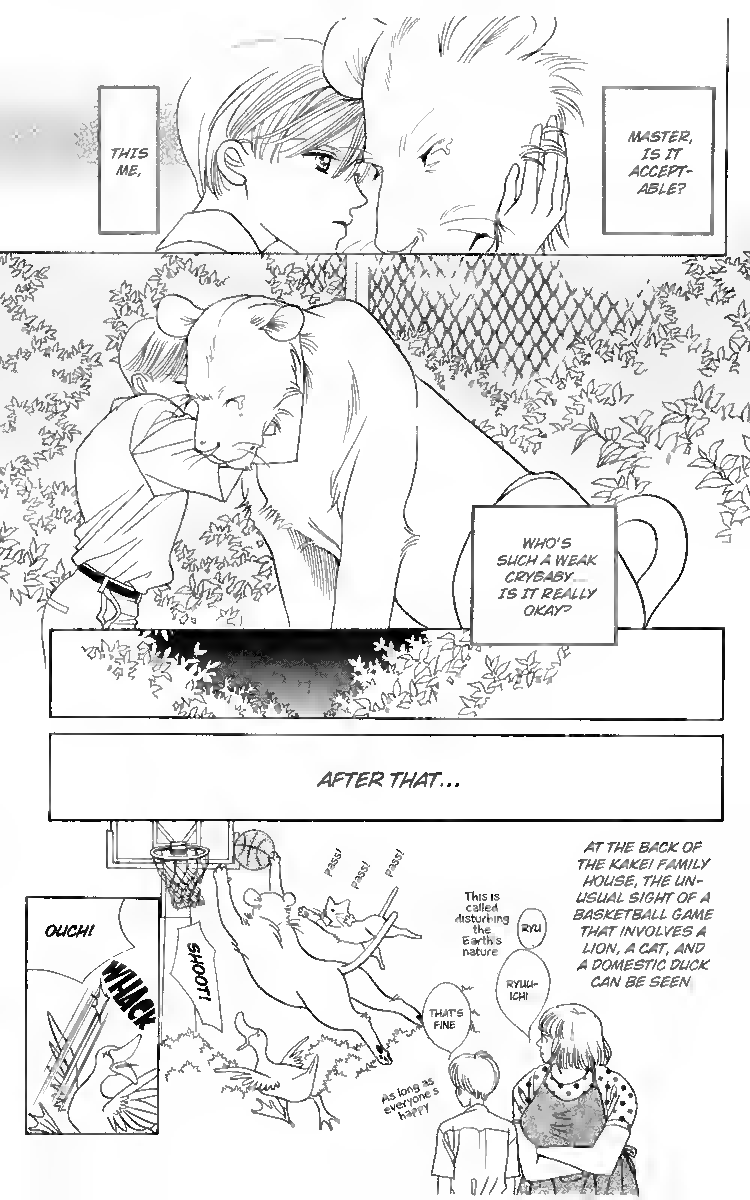
CAESAR'S EYES AT THAT TIME!
I NEVER MEANT FOR HER TO LOOK SO SAD
SHE'S FOUND! HURRY UP!
RYUU-ICHI! CAESAR ...
THE DISTRESSED OWNER'S HERE

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? NO MATTER HOW CLOSE SHE IS TO HUMANS, ISN'T IT STILL DANGEROUS TO APPROACH HER?
EXCITED SINCE HE CAN SHOOT WITHOUT THE REAL ONE
YEAH! AT THE MOMENT SHE IS A WILD ANIMAL WHO HAS JUST BIT A HUMAN.
EXCUSE ME, COULD THE PEOPLE WITH GUNS PLEASE STAND BACK?
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO HER SHE'S VERY EMOTIONAL RIGHT NOW
SHE'S AT THE OPPOSITE END OF THE THICKET.
UMM
IT'S ALL RIGHT ONCE SHE'S OUT WE WILL SHOOT HER WITH THE TRANQUILIZER GUN
THAT'S RIGHT, I JUST HEARD THAT THE WOUND WAS REALLY SERIOUS...
SHE DIDN'T BITE ANYONE
EVEN YOU, HER MASTER, WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
HUH?
OH, THAT ...
B... BUT... THE BLOOD WAS FLOWING FROM HIS HEAD...
CAESAR DIDN'T BITE ANYONE JUST NOW
GONG
Uuuu
CAESAR GROWLED AND STARTLED HIM, SO HE FELL BACKWARDS AND HIT HIS HEAD ON A ROCK
SHE DIDN'T EVEN SO MUCH AS SCRATCH HIM
THAT WAS REPORTED IN THE DETAILED EXAMINATION FROM THE HOSPITAL.
..
ACCORDING TO THE EYE WITNESS

CAESAR
NO...
NO WAY. MY FIRST EXPERIENCE TO SHOOT A REAL LION IS GONE.
YOU DIDN'T BITE ANYONE.
CAESAR! DID YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S ALL RIGHT TO COME OUT.
YOU DIDN'T HURT ANYONE!
MASTER
MASTER, I WAS REALLY ...
THERE IS ANOTHER BIG WOUND ON HIS FACE.
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
YOU WON'T BE TAKEN TO THE ZOO OR THE CARE CENTER.
AL-WAYS.

AT THAT TIME I WANTED TO TEAR HIS FLESH OUT
MASTER, BUT I REALLY WAS
THAT SIDE
I WANTED TO TEAR HIM APART
CAESAR
THAT SIDE OF ME
CAESAR,
TO LIVE LIKE AN ORDINARY LION MAY BE A GOOD THING
OTHER LIONS LIVE IN THE WILDERNESS, JUST AS IT SHOULD BE
LIONS HUNT THEIR PREY USING THEIR INSTINCTS
SOME-HOW
WHITE
WHITE
UP UNTIL NOW, I ALWAYS
AS IF,
YOU ARE A LION THAT CAN REASON
BUT, YOUR INABILITY
IT WAS JUST-LIKE SEEING MY OWN SELF
BUT
HATED TO SEE YOUR LACK OF LION'S PRIDE. I HATED TO SEE YOU WEAKER THAN CATS AND DOGS

NO MATTER HOW ANGRY YOU BECOME
IN WHAT-EVER TIME
YOU ALWAYS OBEY THE COMMAND TO NEVER BITE SERIOUSLY
THE ABILITY TO SUPPRESS YOUR OWN NATURE MAKES YOU A STRONG LION
A VERY STRONG LION, INDEED
MAS-TER
HOW
HOW
HOW
HOW
HOW
HOWL
HOWL
HOWL
MAS-TER
THE LION'S CRY-ING
IT SOUNDS LIKE A DOG
Maybe it's not a lion.


THIS ME,
MASTER, IS IT ACCEPT-ABLE?
WHO'S SUCH A WEAK CRYBABY... IS IT REALLY OKAY?
AFTER THAT...
AT THE BACK OF THE KAKEI FAMILY HOUSE, THE UN-USUAL SIGHT OF A BASKETBALL GAME THAT INVOLVES A LION, A CAT, AND A DOMESTIC DUCK CAN BE SEEN
pass! pass! pass!
SHOOT!
WHACK
OUCH!
This is called disturbing the Earth's nature
RYU
RYUU-ICHI!
THAT'S FINE
As long as everyone's happy

MY TEETH ARE ALSO GETTING LARGER
AHAHAHA
LATELY, MY PAWS ARE GETTING HUGE
...
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
LATELY, THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING MORE OFTEN BE CAREFUL, OKAY?
NOT AGAIN, CAESAR. YOUR NAILS ARE OUT AGAIN!
SO SORRY
JAHKK
JAHKK
THAT...
Ah it's master
I'M HOME
WELL, SOME DAY
HOWEVER NOW
IS THE PREPARATION FOR THE DAY OF MY RETURN TO THE SAVANNA.
I WANT TO BE THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST LION BY BEING NEXT TO MASTER RYUUICHI.
I want to sleep near Ryuichi
PAOW
KICK
Near Ryuichi
WILD CATS/ END

WILD CATS
ワイルドキャッツ
II

WILD CATS
BY REIKO SHIMIZU

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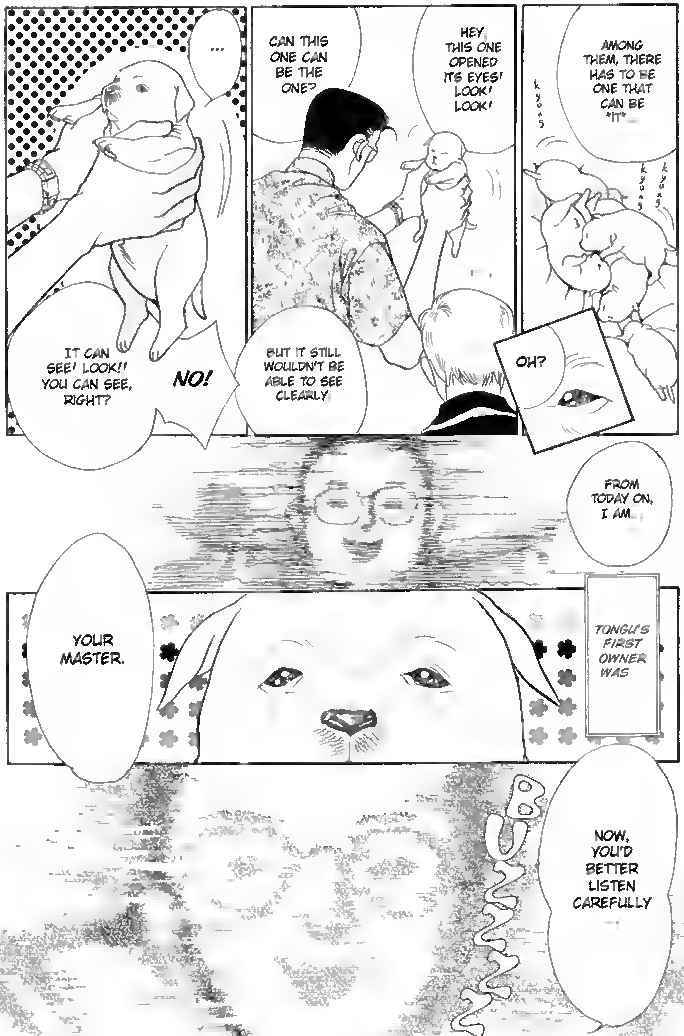
SIX YEARS AGO EARLY SUMMER
HO!
333
SO, FIVE PUPPIES I SEE
FIVE PUPPIES
kyong
kyong
kyong
HOW MANY ARE THERE ALTOGETHER?
SUCH WONDERFUL PUPPIES YOU'VE GOT THERE GOOD! WELL DONE, LADY!


...
IT CAN SEE! LOOK!! YOU CAN SEE, RIGHT?
NO!
CAN THIS ONE CAN BE THE ONE?
BUT IT STILL WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE CLEARLY
HEY, THIS ONE OPENED ITS EYES! LOOK! LOOK!
AMONG THEM, THERE HAS TO BE ONE THAT CAN BE "IT"
L O O K
L O O K
OH?
FROM TODAY ON, I AM
YOUR MASTER.
TONGLI'S FIRST OWNER WAS
NOW, YOU'D BETTER LISTEN CAREFULLY
BUZZ

KEH
ung ung
A GUY WITH
NHH!
AHHHRRGHH!
TOWEL! GIVE ME A TOWEL!
URGH!
KEH
KEH
KEH
VERY BAD BREATH
PEE
WHOOSH WHOOSH WHOOSH
TWO MONTHS LATER
HERE YOU GO, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM
SURE, WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM

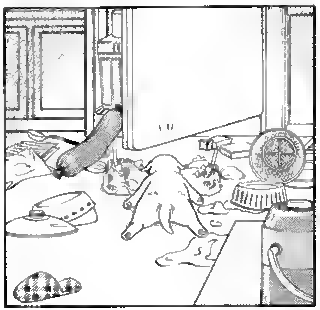
HIS NAME IS TONGU
HE'S A BIT QUIET, BUT HE'S PRETTY SMART.
FOR SOME REASON, TONGU WAS NO LONGER IN THE CARE OF HIS FIRST OWNER
WHICH MEANS THAT HE WILL BE SEPARATED FROM HIS MOTHER FOREVER.
AT THAT TIME HE HADN'T REALIZED
WOOF WOOF WOOF
WAG WAG
WHIMPER
WOOF WOOF WOOF
ROAR
THAT IT WOULD BE THE LAST TIME HE EVER SAW HIS MOTHER.

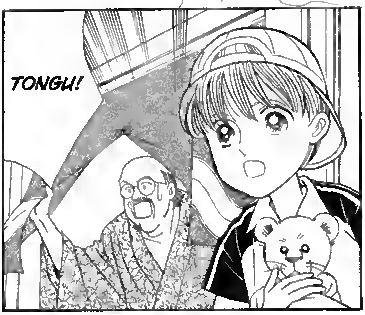
THAT LITTLE PUPPY CAN DEFINITELY BE THE ONE
VROOM
IT'S ALL RIGHT
IT'S ALL RIGHT, LADY
WAAH! LOOK, LOOK! HOW CUTE!!
A LABRADOR RETRIEVER PUPPY!
ARE WE KEEPING HIM FROM NOW ON?
UWA! LET MIKU HOLD HIM NEXT. LET ME HOLD HIM!
HEY, HE'S JUST BEEN GIVEN SOME MILK. LET HIM SLEEP FIRST.
UWAA! SO SMALL! JUST LIKE A DOLL...
HERE MINAKO IS NEXT
IT'S TRUE. I WONDER IF IT'LL GROW BIGGER...
ISN'T SISTER MISATO'S CHILD, WHO'S GOING TO START LIVING WITH US NEXT WEEK, ALLERGIC TO ANIMALS?
EH?
AH? BUT MOM,
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF WE TAKE HIM IN NOW?
HERE MISUZU'S NEXT

WAH!
HERE, MITSUKI'S TURN
HUFF
AH...
I—
YOU'RE SO CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! AREN'T YOU, TONGU?
SQUEEZE
CHU CHU
HMM... well well well
CHU
WEE~
HECK
Dizzy
Dizzy
Dizzy
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WAS THE REASON...
LITTLE TONGU MOVED FROM ONE POUND TO ANOTHER
Bleghhhhh
WOOF WOOF WOOF
MEOOW
...THESE BEAUTIFUL SISTERS ALSO DIDN'T BECOME TONGU'S OWNER.
VROOOM
good bye

UNCLE!
BUZZ
BUZZ
UNTIL HE FINALLY SETTLED DOWN AT THE HOME OF MIYAZAKI
UNCLE, UNCLE, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HAVE A DOG?
HEY, RYUUICHI
AH YOU WANT TO SEE IT? OK, JUST TAKE OFF YOUR BAG AND HOP UP!
YES!
TONGU!
TONGU WASN'T CONSIDERED ABLE TO BE "IT" ANYMORE
COME OUT YOUR FRIEND IS HERE
TONGU!

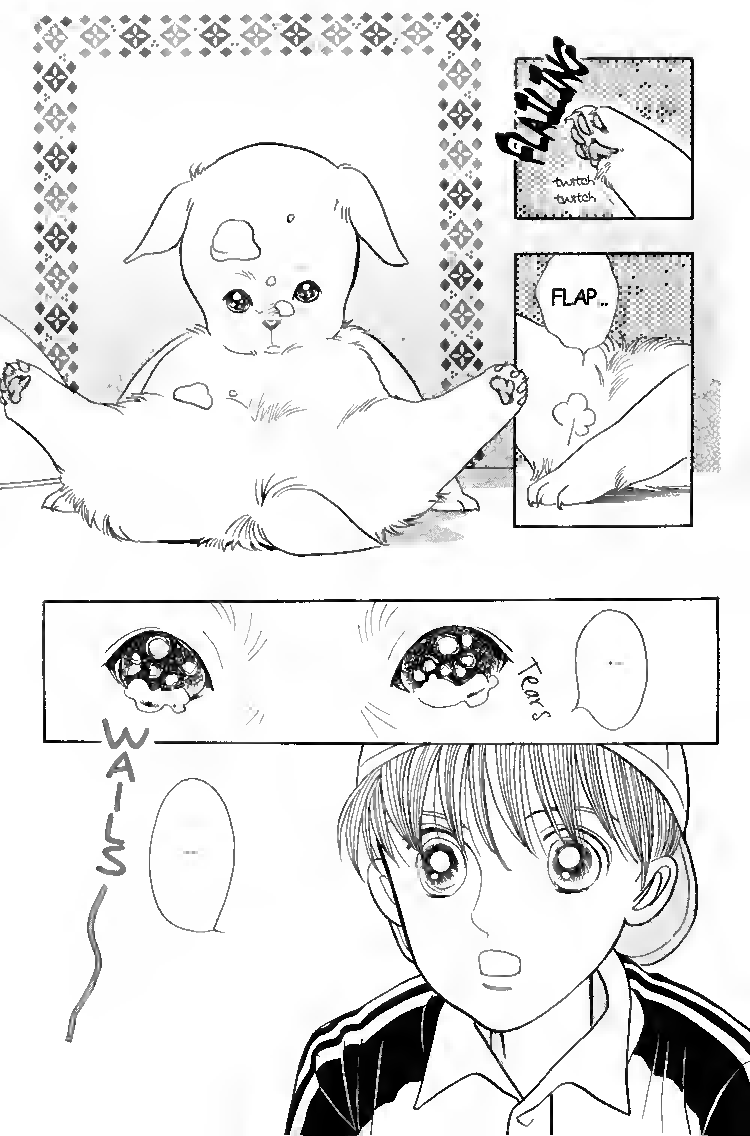
TO-
Happy Birthday




TONGU!

WHAT'S THIS?!
Stop
AHH, THE CAKE THAT AUNTY TOOK THE TROUBLE TO BUY FOR HER GRANDCHILD...!
Beep Beep
COME QUICK!
THIS TONGU!
U-UNCLE.
Mmmmm
THIS IS IT! I WILL DEFINITELY SPANK YOU UNTIL YOUR BUTT'S SWOLLEN!

Flap
Flap
Flap
Ugh!
STUMBLE
FALLS
...
Flail
Flail
Flail
Trying to stand.
...
Ugh!


FALLING
twitch twitch
FLAP..
Tears
WAILS

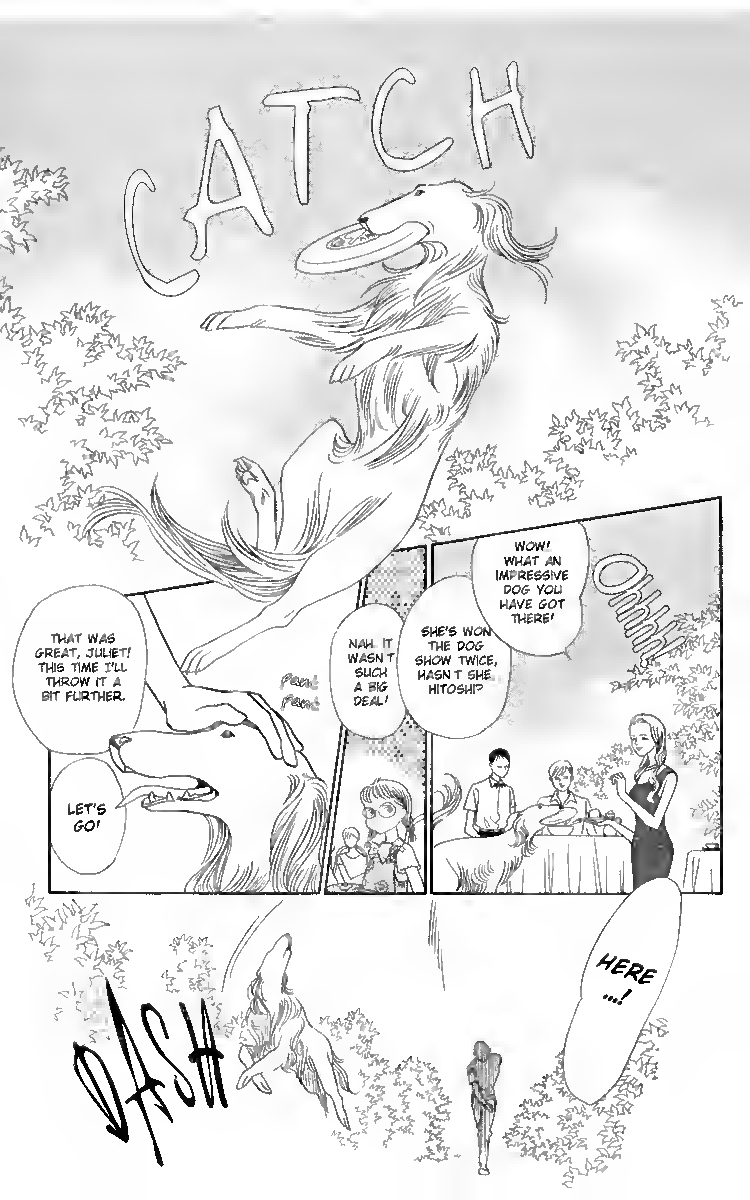
SOB
SOB
SOB
SOB
..
SOB
SOB
SOB
UN-UNCLE! LOOK, HE'S CRYING
HE'S STILL TOO SMALL, SO PLESE STOP PUNISHING HIM
..
UNCLE ?!
UN-UN-UNCLE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Ureh
drip drip
ARE YOU OK? YOU'RE BLEEDING, RIGHT?
EH?
?
Ugh
SO CUTE..
..
Damn that guy
drip drip
UN-
WAH...!

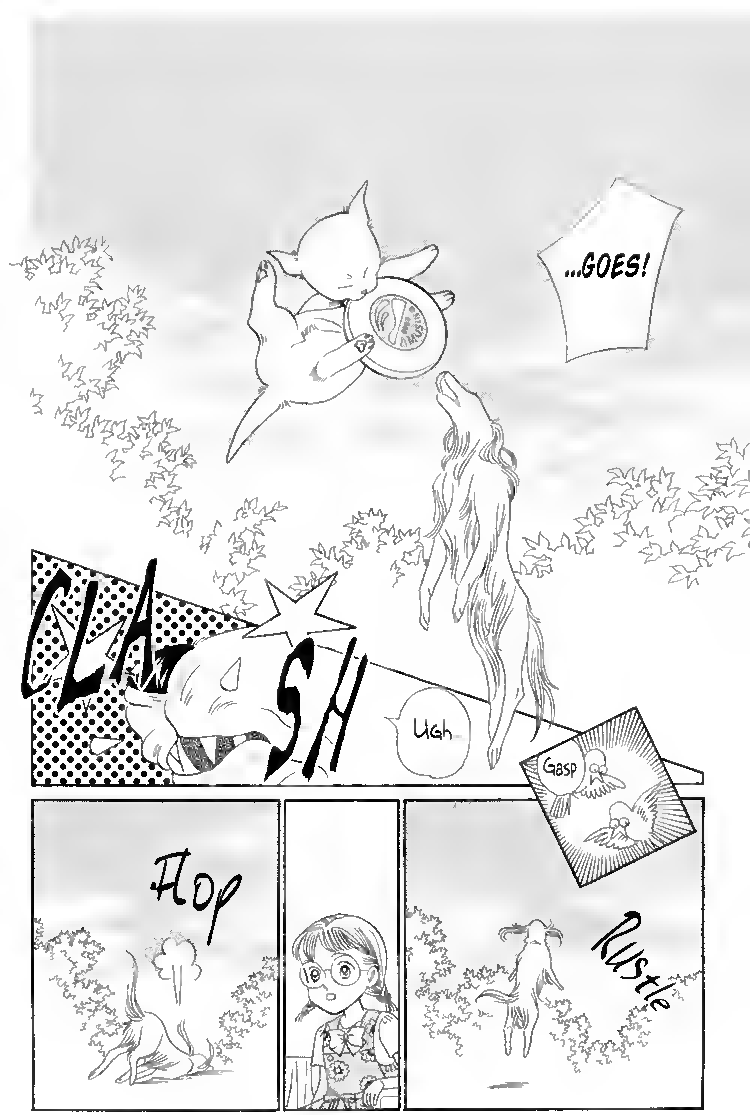
OOWUOO
I can't take it!
Stop those eyes, that nose
UUUUUUNG
UNCLE ?!
STOMP STOMP STOMP STOMP
BUT ISN'T IT GREAT THAT YOU'RE NOT BEING PUNISHED...?
YAWN
?
?
...
In the toilet...

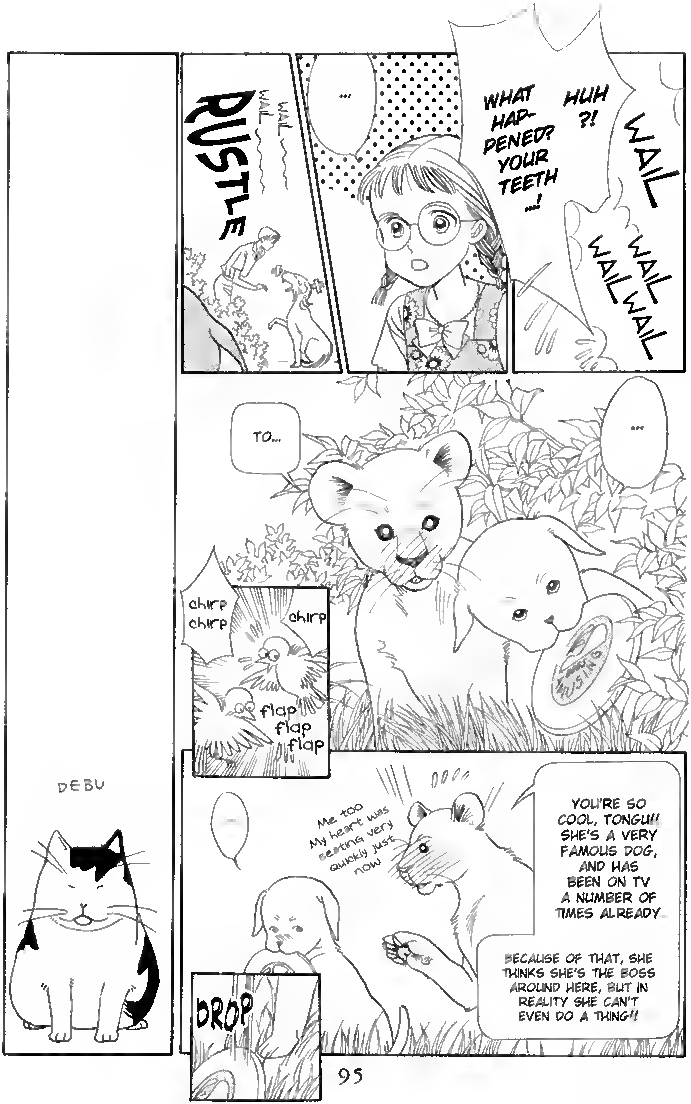
YAWN
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
THIS WAS...
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

...THE FIRST TIME TONGU AND I MET
...
His face
is different from just now
?
...
...AH
*Note: Still being mistaken as a cat that time
HIS NAME'S CAESAR. LET'S BE FRIENDS, OK?
BIP
...THIS IS MY CAT*.
G-GOOD AFTERNOON TONGU. I'M RYUUICHI
FLAP
NO NO
FLAP
NO NO
FLAP
BUT!
BU
HEY DON'T BE CLINGY!
LOOK, YOU MUST SAY HI, TOO
...

EEEEEK!!
(Hasn't even been bitten yet).
THROB
THROB
THIS SMALL AND AND CUTE PUPPY THEN BECAME MY BOSS
JULIET!
HERE...!


CATCH
THAT WAS GREAT, JULIET! THIS TIME I'LL THROW IT A BIT FURTHER.
LET'S GO!
Pant Pant
NAW. IT WASN'T SUCH A BIG DEAL!
SHE'S WON THE DOG SHOW TWICE, HASN'T SHE HITOSHI?
WOW! WHAT AN IMPRESSIVE DOG YOU HAVE GOT THERE!
Ohhh
HERE ...!
DASH


...GOES!
CLASH
Ugh
Gasp
Flop
Rustle


WAIL
WAIL
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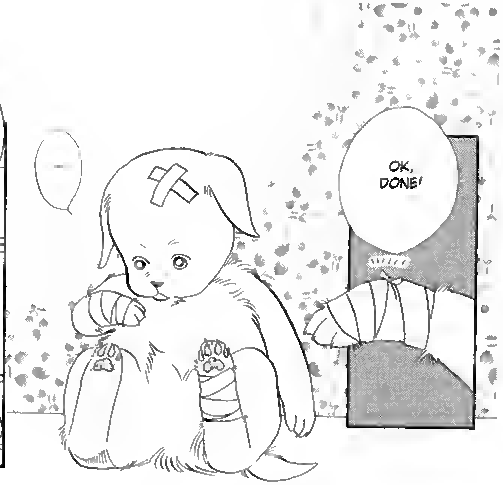
HUH ?!
WHAT HAPPENED? YOUR TEETH...!
...
WAIL
WAIL
RUSTLE
...
TO...
chirp
chirp
chirp
flap
flap
flap
DEBU
Me, too! My heart was beating very quickly just now!
YOU'RE SO COOL, TONGU!! SHE'S A VERY FAMOUS DOG, AND HAS BEEN ON TV A NUMBER OF TIMES ALREADY.
BECAUSE OF THAT, SHE THINKS SHE'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE, BUT IN REALITY SHE CAN'T EVEN DO A THING!!
DROP

HMPH
TONGU ?!
THE FRISBEE? YOU SUDDENLY LEFT
TO...
AH!
"FOR YOU. IT'S ONLY A KID'S TOY ANYWAY!"
TONGU ...
CAESAR'S IMAGINATION
REALLY ?!
(kid)

RUSTLE
ZZZ
HE'S BECOME THE MOST MATURE PUPPY
WHISH WHISH WHISH
SINCE HE WAS SMALL, HE'D BEEN LIVING IN PET HOTELS AND MET VARIOUS DOGS AND CATS DURING THOSE TIMES
KIDS.
ZZZZ
MORE-OVER_
CHCHCHCHCH

TONGU!
TONGU WAS ALSO PRETTY GOOD AT FIGHTING
TONGU!
CAESAR!
pant
pant
pant
pant
phew

TONGU,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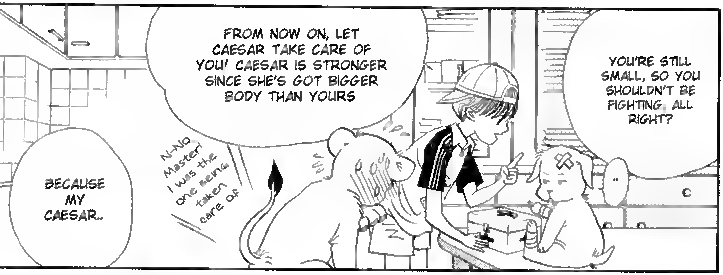
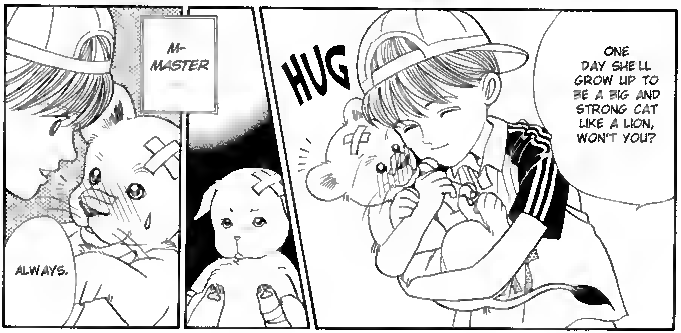
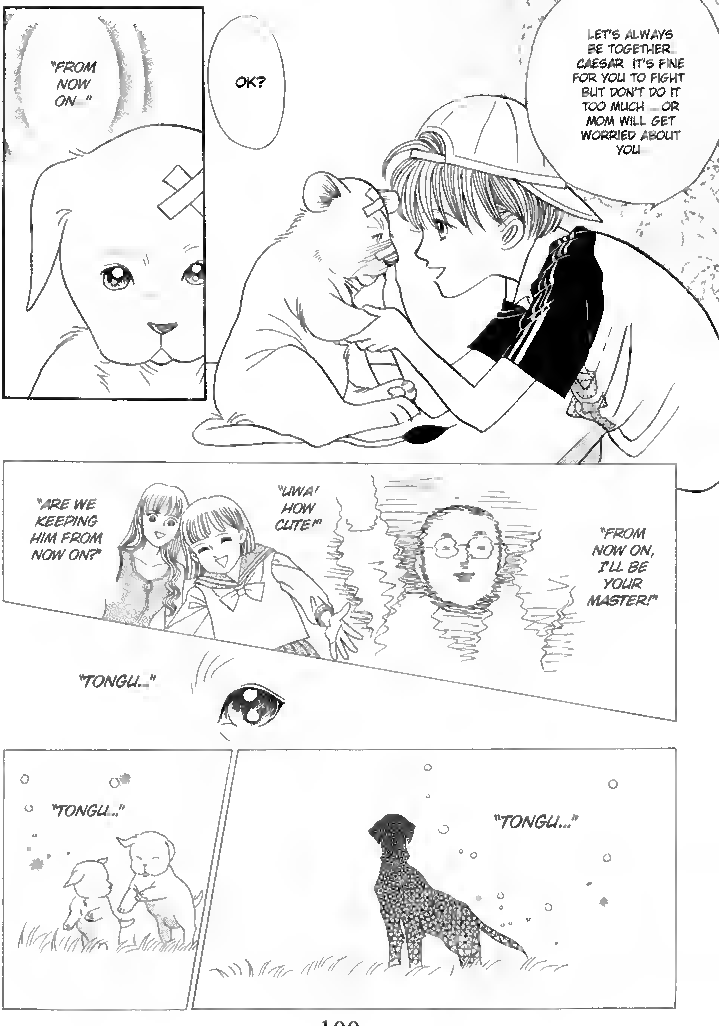

FROM NOW ON, LET CAESAR TAKE CARE OF YOU! CAESAR IS STRONGER SINCE SHE'S GOT BIGGER BODY THAN YOURS
YOU'RE STILL SMALL, SO YOU SHOULDN'T BE FIGHTING, ALL RIGHT?
BECAUSE MY CAESAR..
N-NO Master! I was the one being taken care of


M-MASTER
ALWAYS.
HUG
ONE DAY SHE'LL GROW UP TO BE A BIG AND STRONG CAT LIKE A LION, WON'T YOU?

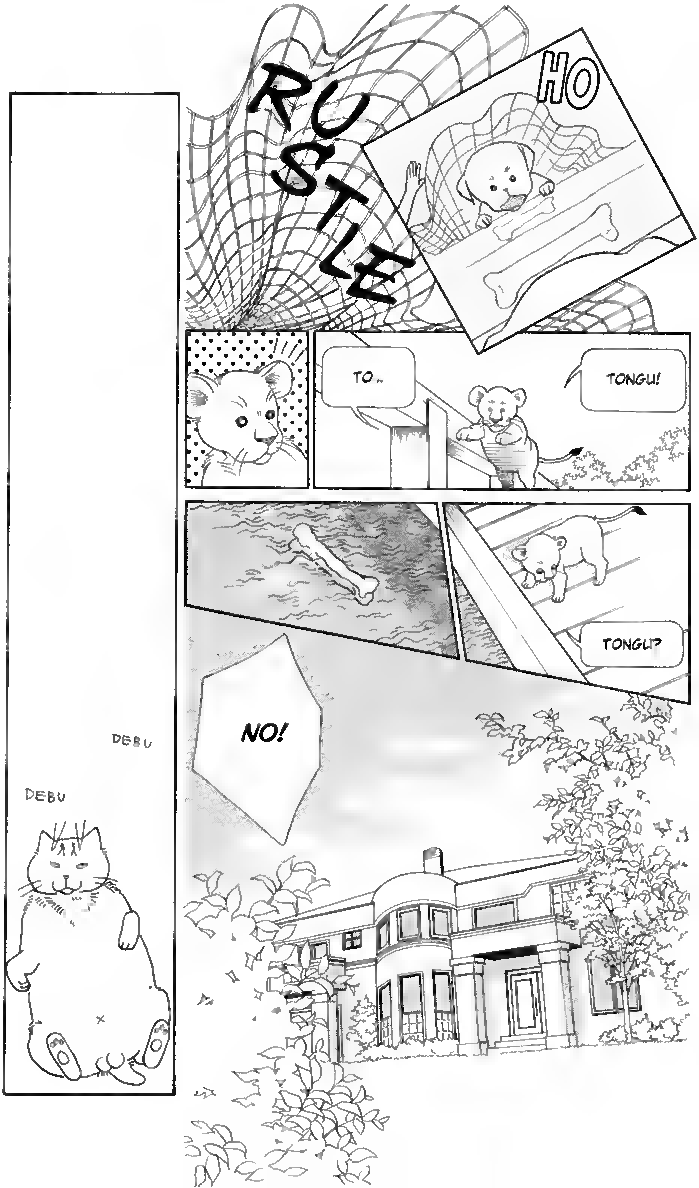

"FROM NOW ON..."
OK?
LET'S ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, CAESAR. IT'S FINE FOR YOU TO FIGHT BUT DON'T DO IT TOO MUCH ... OR MOM WILL GET WORRIED ABOUT YOU
"ARE WE KEEPING HIM FROM NOW ON?"
"UWA! HOW CUTE!"
"FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE YOUR MASTER!"
"TONGU..."
"TONGU..."
"TONGU..."

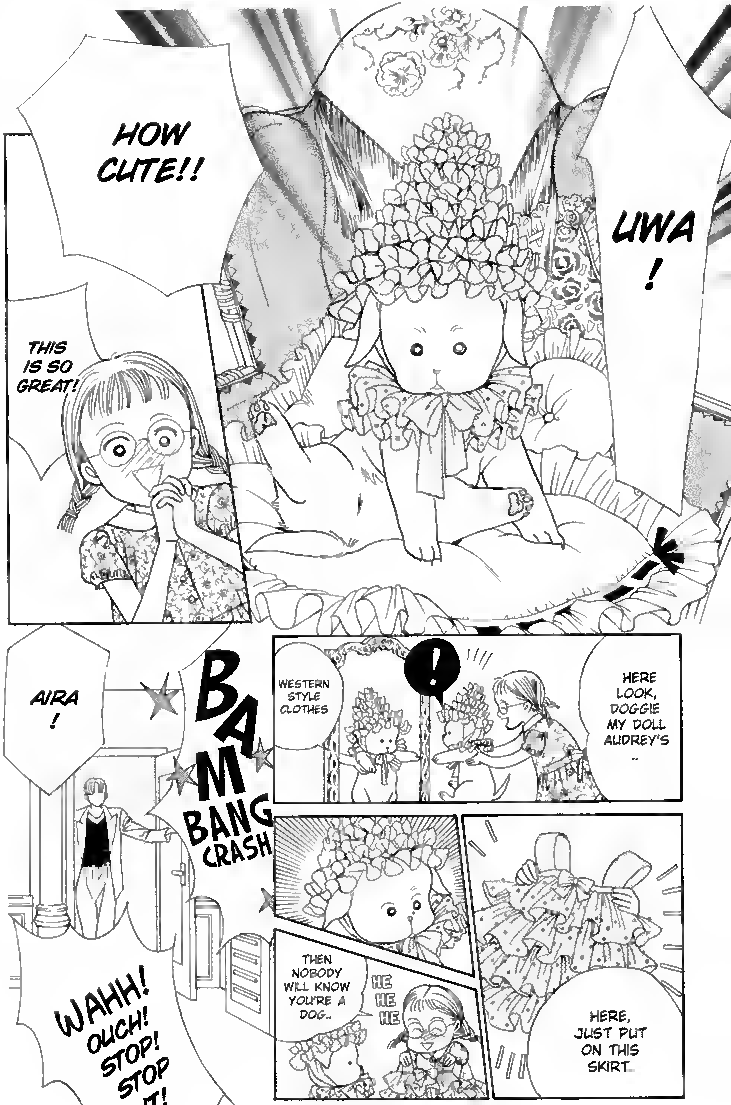
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER MY OWN MOTHER
FROM NOW TIL FOREVER,
ALWAYS BEING BY HIS SIDE WILL BE MY HAPPINESS
AS A CAT, I'M WEAK, SLOW, STUPID AND NOT CUTE... THERE'S NOTHING GOOD IN ME AT ALL
TO BE PICKED UP BY SUCH A GOOD OWNER LIKE MASTER RYUUICHI. THAT IS MY PRIDE
TONGU
...
Silence
BYE!
Sent home since it's late
Well, actually I want to be Master's bride one day. TEE HEE
?
?
Thought Caesar was a male

GRANDMA! TONGU HAS COME BACK!!
TONGU!
munch munch munch
AHA, WONDER-FUL
TONGU?
Shalp
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LEG?
YOU ARE HURT! GRANDMA! GRANDMA!
THAT'S WHY I SAID LEAVE THE ENTRANCE-WAY OPEN
lick
NO WAY!! IF YOU DON'T HURRY, THIS PUPPY'S LIFE WILL BE ...!
LET'S CALL ONE TOMOR-ROW
HURRY AND BRING SOME MEDICINE WILL YOU!
AH?! BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE GOOD FOR ANIMALS...! IT'S BETTER TO CALL A VET!
HOW NOISY! YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?!

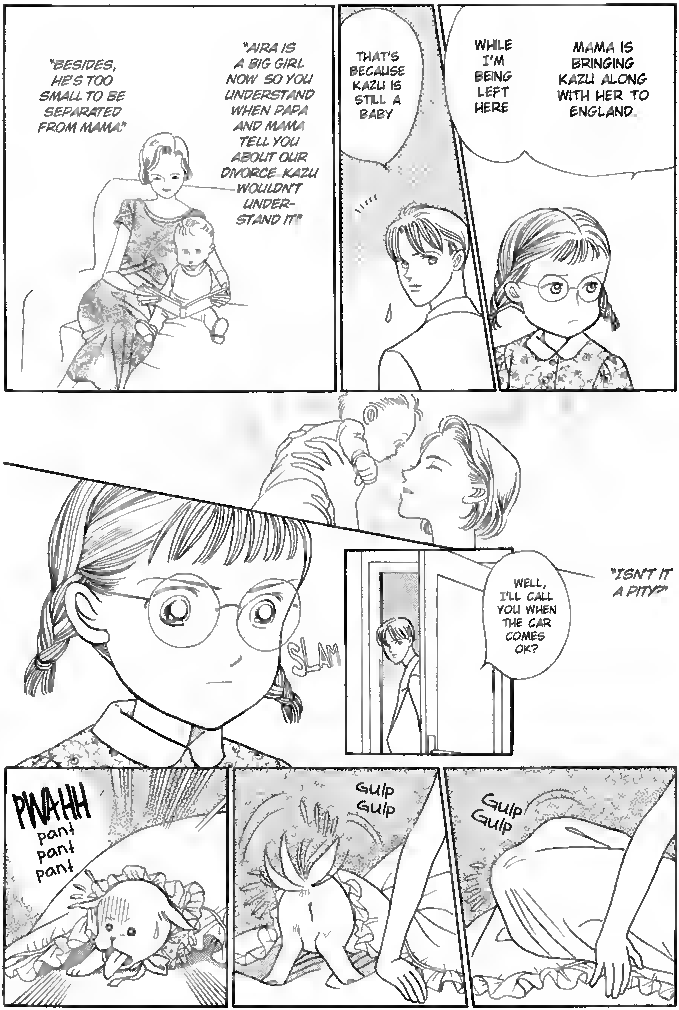
...
YOU'VE NEVER LICKED SOMEONE BEFORE HAVE YOU?
EH?
THE MEDICINE! FOR THE DOG! WHAT HAPPENED?
AH NO... JUST NOW THIS PUP...
HERE'S THE MEDICINE
HA HA HA... HE'LL FEEL THE ATTACHMENT AFTER A WHILE, THEN WE CAN FEED HIM LIKE THIS EVERY DAY
IT IS BETTER IF HE DOESN'T FEEL ATTACHED TO US
Good night
Ok
Ok
INDEED! WHAT EXACTLY IS SO GREAT IN TAKING IN A PUPPY THAT'S NEVER BEEN CLOSED TO HUMANS BEFORE?
HE MIGHT AS WELL BE BETTER OFF WITHOUT FEELING EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED. AFTER ALL,
THAT DOG,
"TONGU"
Z z z z
Z z z z
ONE DAY..
GRAND-MA!

"GRANDMA, TONGLI HAS COME HOME!"
I WANT...
I WANT...
WAG WAG
Zzz Zzz
THE BONE FROM THE DOG THAT HAS BEEN STARING AT ME FROM THE POND
RIGHT NOW'S THE TIME


RUSTLE
HO
TO..
TONGU!
TONGU?
NO!
DEBU
DEBU


HOW CUTE!!
UWA!
THIS IS SO GREAT!
AIRA!
BAM
BANG
CRASH
WAHH! OUCH! STOP! STOP IT!
WESTERN STYLE CLOTHES
!
HERE LOOK, DOGGIE MY DOLL AUDREY'S ..
THEN NOBODY WILL KNOW YOU'RE A DOG..
HE HE HE
HERE, JUST PUT ON THIS SKIRT.

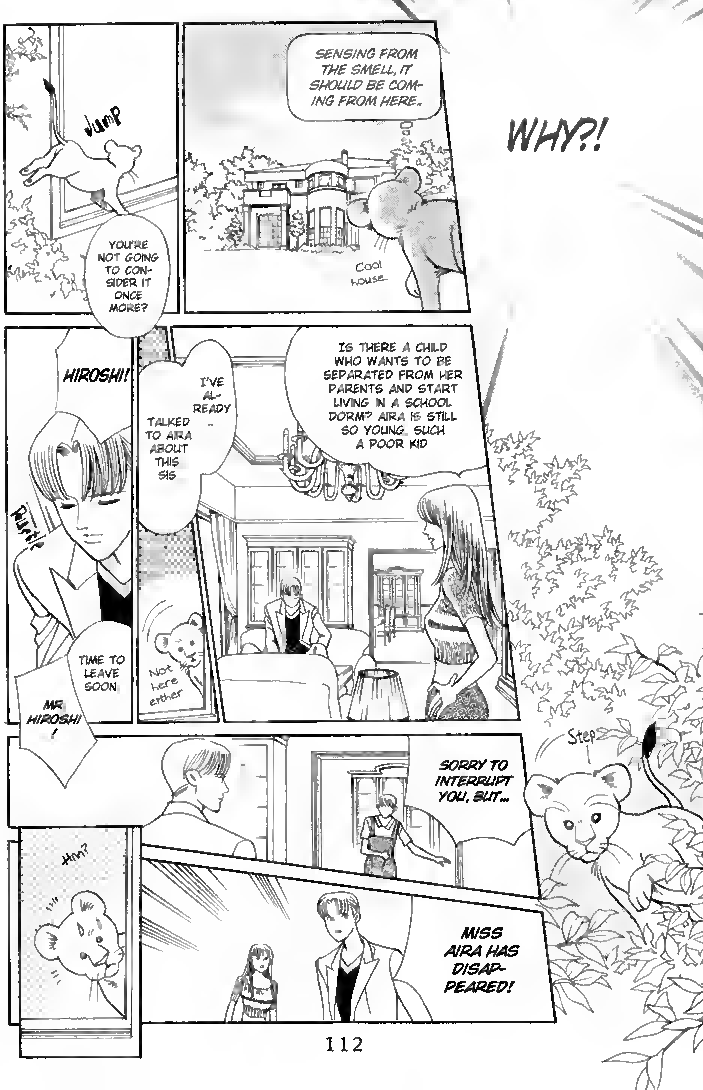
NO-
NOTHING HAPPENED! DON'T SUDDENLY OPEN THE DOOR LIKE THAT!
I'M ALREADY PACKED TO GO!
AIRA, QUICKLY PACK...
WHAT HAPPENED?
AAHH.. THAT DOLL, ISN'T IT?
BUT IS IT ALL RIGHT TO BRING SUCH A BIG DOLL TO THE DORMITORY?
ANYWAY I'M NOT REALLY ALONE AUDREY'S COMING WITH ME TOO
AIRA...
SO IT'S NO BIG DEAL
AUDREY?
I'LL FINE BY MYSELF! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN BY MYSELF ALL THIS TIME ANYWAY
AIRA PAPA WILL TAKE YOU TO TOKYO. NANNY WILL NOT BE WITH YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO BE BY YOURSELF
SHE'S


"BESIDES, HE'S TOO SMALL TO BE SEPARATED FROM MAMA."
"AIRA IS A BIG GIRL NOW SO YOU UNDERSTAND WHEN PAPA AND MAMA TELL YOU ABOUT OUR DIVORCE. KAZU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT!"
THAT'S BECAUSE KAZU IS STILL A BABY
WHILE I'M BEING LEFT HERE
MAMA IS BRINGING KAZU ALONG WITH HER TO ENGLAND.
"ISN'T IT A PITY?"
WELL, I'LL CALL YOU WHEN THE CAR COMES OK?
SLAM
PNAHH
Pant Pant Pant
Gulp Gulp
Gulp Gulp

GRRR
Yelp
Yelp
Yelp
LET'S RUN AWAY TO-GETHER
DOGGIE
WILL YOU GO SOME PLACE FAR AWAY WITH AIRA?
"TONGU..."

!!!
TONGU!
TONGU, TIME TO EAT
WHAT HAPPENED, UNCLE? TONGU'S NOT HERE AGAIN?
...AHH.
TONGU
...TONGU IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PUPPIES SINCE HE WAS SMALL HE NEVER HAD A CONSTANT OWNER
UNCLE, TONGU IS STILL SMALL THERE'S STILL A LOT OF TIME FOR IT, ISN'T THERE?
...EVEN SO, I STILL HOPE FOR THE BEST AS TIME GOES BY...
JUST LIKE THIS... SOMETIMES THEIR ABILITY TO TRUST A HUMAN BEING IS GONE

EH?
pat pat
EVEN IN SUCH A SHORT TIME
THERE'S NO MORE TIME
WE CAN'T KEEP TONGU ANYMORE
AND THEN JUST GIVE HIM LOTS AND LOTS OF LOVE
NO
WHY?!
COMPARED TO WHEN HE FIRST CAME HERE, TONGU...
CAESAR AND RYUUICHI HAVE HELPED QUITE A BIT, HAVEN'T YOU?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH TONGU?! ARE YOU GIVING HIM AWAY?!
ARE YOU MOVING AWAY?!
WHY CAN'T YOU KEEP TONGU ANY-MORE?!

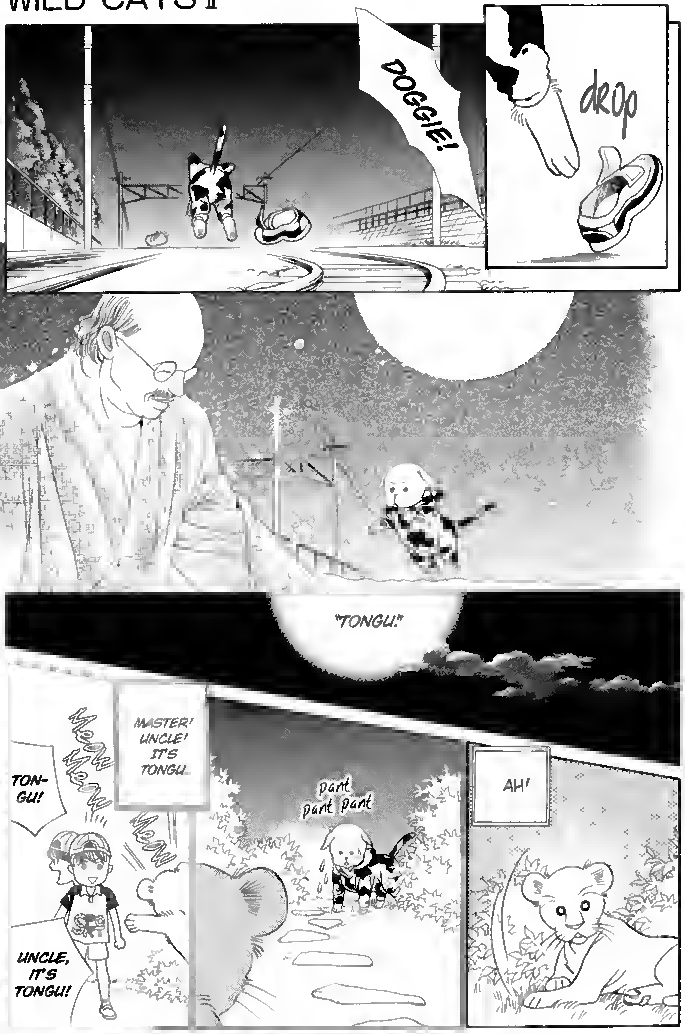

WHY?!
Jump
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CONSIDER IT ONCE MORE?
SENSING FROM THE SMELL, IT SHOULD BE COMING FROM HERE.
Cool house.
HIROSHI!
Pulpit
TIME TO LEAVE SOON.
MR. HIROSHI!
I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO AIRA ABOUT THIS SIS
Not here either
IS THERE A CHILD WHO WANTS TO BE SEPARATED FROM HER PARENTS AND START LIVING IN A SCHOOL DORM? AIRA IS STILL SO YOUNG. SUCH A POOR KID
Step
SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, BUT...
Hm?
MISS AIRA HAS DISAPPEARED!

STATION
A dog!
That's a dog!
Yeah, a dog!
Hey over there!
Yeah!
OH, THERE THERE KAZUKO. WHAT IS WRONG DEAR?
ARE YOU HUNGRY? NOW, THE MILK..
U-
U-
shake shake shake
shake shake
U-

SQUEEZE
YOU MUST DRINK IT NOW!
BE GOOD NOW, DOGGIE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT
BE A GOOD BOY NOW, HUSH HUSH HUSH
RUB RUB
choke choke choke choke
Ah,
Momo's Jumpsuit + Shoes
GO ALONG AS MY SISTER THEN WE CAN BOTH RIDE ON THE TRAIN!
Is the dog all right?
It's in pain
IF YOU'RE QUIET PEOPLE WON'T NOTICE THAT YOU'RE A DOG!
A TOWN SO FAR THAT PAPA, MAMA OR ANYONE ELSE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME
AFTER THAT, WE'LL GO TO A FARAWAY TOWN!
"TONGU!"
FAR-AWAY
FARAWAY
IN THERE, LET'S LIVE TOGETHER WITH AIRA, OKAY?
I'll probably be dead before that

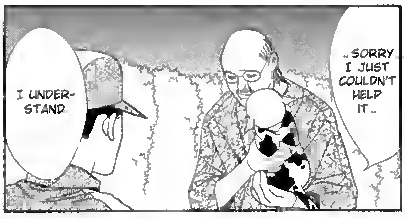
Ooohhh
So cute
"TONGU"
AH!
Slips off
AH, THE TRAIN!
WE'LL GET ON THAT TRAIN!
whoosh
DOGGIE! NO!
WAH!
JUMP
WAH!

WAH!
WH-WHAT'S THAT?!
WAH!
BOUNCE
?
DA EU
A DOG?! A CAT?! A CHILD?!
AH!
JUMP
ANYONE, PLEASE CATCH IT! THAT'S MY BABY!
SWISH
WATCH OUT, MISS!
DON'T GO, DOGGIE!
COME BACK!


DOGGIE!
drop
"TONGU!"
MASTER! UNCLE! IT'S TONGU...
TON-GU!
UNCLE, IT'S TONGU!
pant pant pant
AH!

WELL
YOU'VE COME BACK
TONGU.
WHAT'S WITH THAT GETUP?
?
SWISH SWISH
lick lick
TONGU.

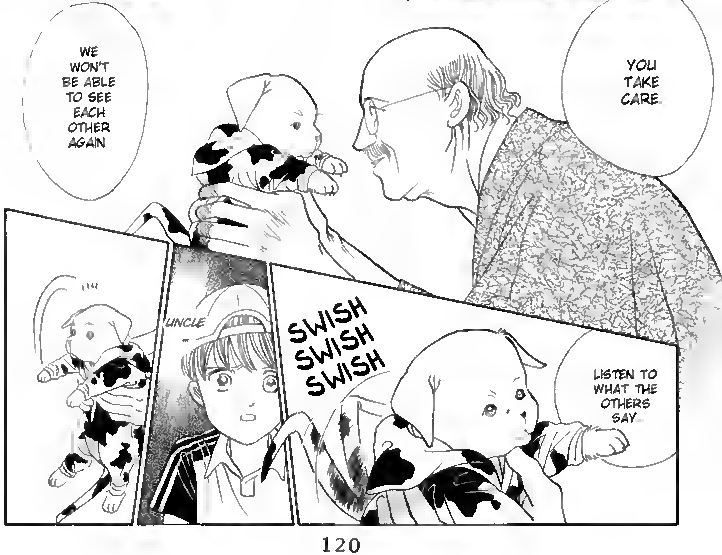
IN THE END WE HAVE TO BE SEPA-RATED...
EVEN WHEN FINALLY YOU'RE ABLE TO GIVE ALL OF YOUR TRUST,
HOW LONELY...
TONGU ...
lick lick
MR. SATAKE.
EH?
MR SATAKE, MAY I?


I UNDERSTAND
..SORRY I JUST COULDN'T HELP IT..

HURRY UP AND SAY THAT YOU'VE DECIDED TO KEEP HIM!
WELL THEN,

UNCLE..
HURRY UP AND SAY YOU WON'T GIVE HIM AWAY

EH? DON'T TELL ME..


WE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN
YOU TAKE CARE.
UNCLE..
SWISH SWISH SWISH
LISTEN TO WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

HIS NAME IS TONGU
"HIS NAME IS TONGU"
ALL RIGHT... THEN
REALIZATION
"HERE YOU GO. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM"
"SURE. WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM"
YES. OF COURSE WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THOSE IN OUR CUSTODY...
WELL THEN... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM
RIGHT... COME HERE, TONGU

"TAKE CARE"
"TAKE CARE"
TAKE CARE TONGU.
TAKE CARE
"TAKE CARE"
TONGU!!
CAESAR !
VROOM
TONGU!

TONGU!
TONGU!
OK
HEY, CLOSE THE WINDOW. DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY.
AH!

TON-GU!
OH NO! HE'S RUNNING AWAY!
open
ZOOOM
TON-GU!
...
MR. SATAKE! PLEASE HELP ME CATCH HIM.
TONGU
COME HERE.
...TONGU

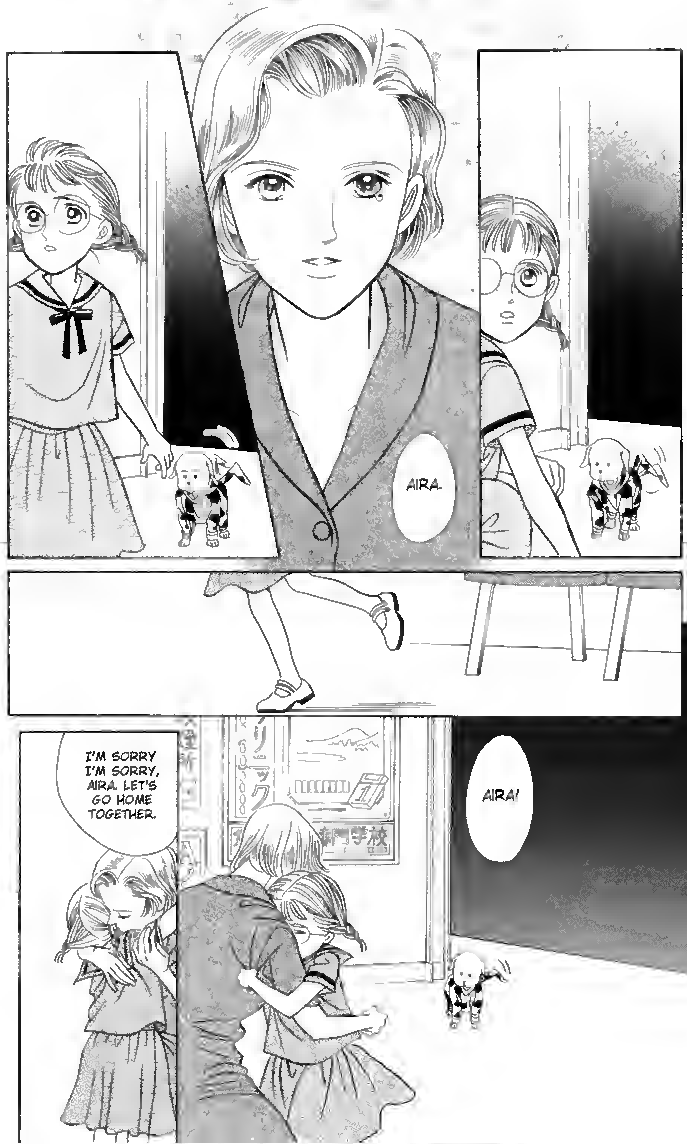
COME HERE.
TONGU
rustle
TON-GU!
TON-GU
CAESAR!

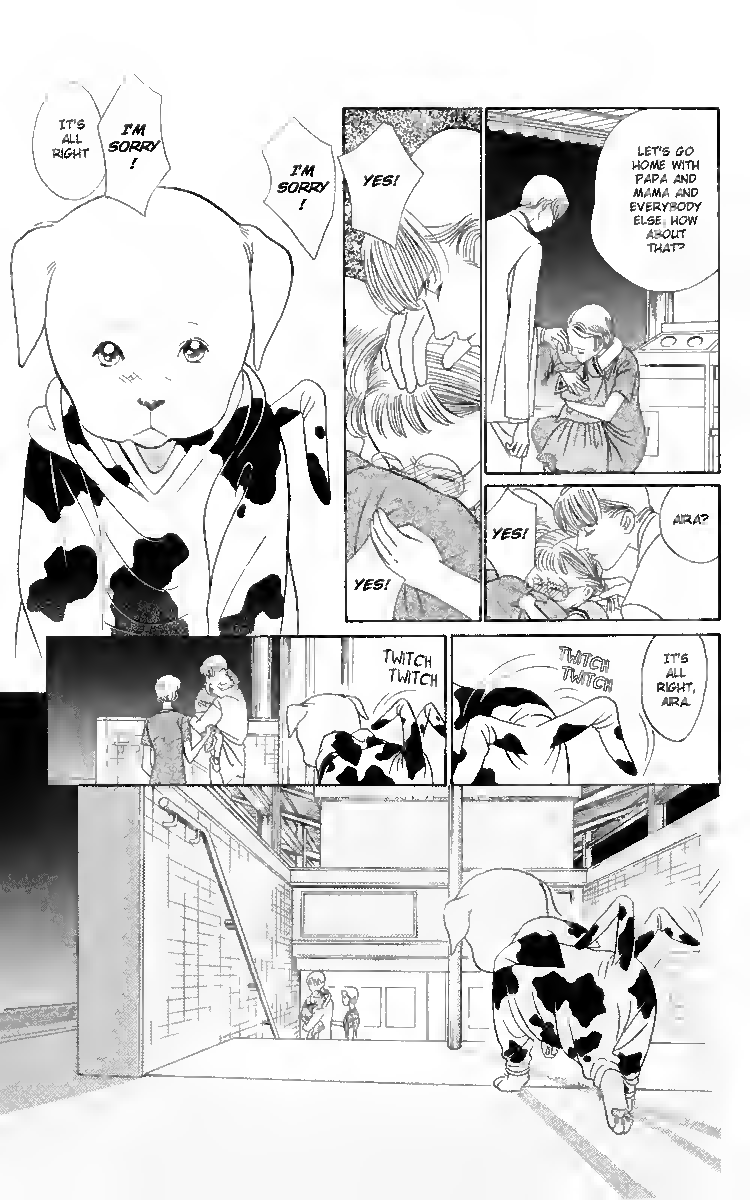
pant
pant
pant
TON-
GU
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?
shift
tap tap tap
WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?

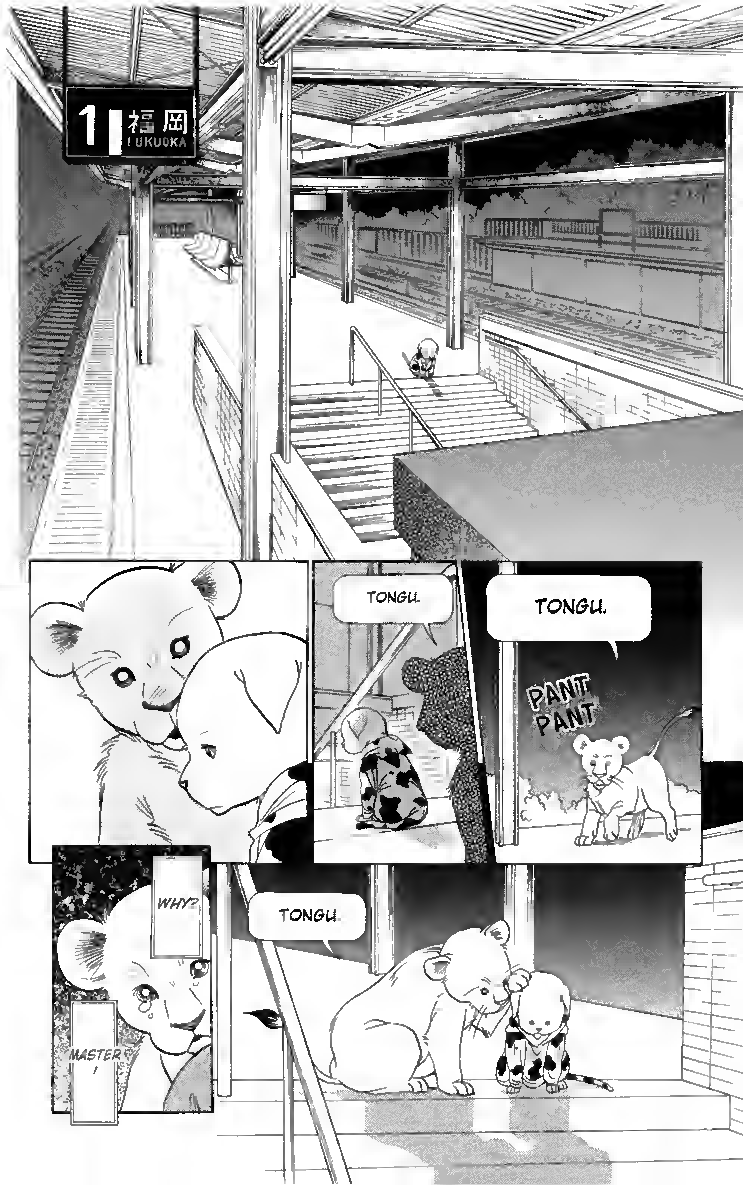
BEEP
CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER
"DOGGIE"
"WE'LL GET ON THAT TRAIN"
"THE TRAIN"
"DON'T GO, DOGGIE."
Then watch video
click click
I'll go to a coffee shop to get a cup of hot coffee to drink on my way home
click click click
THE NEXT ONE WILL BE FIVE MINUTES LATER.
Swaaa
AH!
Or I'll just do it now
...
click

SOB
SOB
SOB
SOB
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
UGH
UGH
UGH
SOB
SOB
SOB
PAPA...
MAMA...
SOB
SOB
SOB
SNIFF
...

COME HERE
COME HERE
DOGGIE
AIRA!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
...AIRA


AIRA.
AIRA!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY, AIRA. LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.


IT'S ALL RIGHT
I'M SORRY !
I'M SORRY !
YES!
YES!
LET'S GO HOME WITH PAPA AND MAMA AND EVERYBODY ELSE. HOW ABOUT THAT?
YES!
AIRA?
TWITCH TWITCH
TWITCH TWITCH
IT'S ALL RIGHT, AIRA.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FUKUOKA
TONGU.
TONGU.
PANT PANT
WHY?
MASTER?
TONGU.

WHY IS IT ONLY TONGU?
THE NEXT MORNING
THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW TONGU
TONGU DIDN'T TRY TO ESCAPE ANY-MORE
THOSE GUYS WHO CAME YESTER-DAY CAME TO TAKE TONGU AWAY WITH THEIR CAR.

SUMMER.
SIX YEARS LATER
IT'S...
STILL WAITING FOR ITS MASTER IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS HEAT
EH, LOOK THERE!
UGH!
NOT BAD AS A PET, IS IT?
MASTER, COME BACK FASTER... IT'S BEEN TEN MINUTES!
...HOT!
ROLL OVER
It really is a lion
It's a lion!
WHAT?
I've got something to do, wait here, okay? I'll be back soon
Chained because they are in the middle of the town.
SO PANTING
...
...
JUST LIKE THE FAITHFUL DOG HACHI*
ALWAYS KEEPING A GOOD POSTURE
WORN OUT
Burn Burn
WHATEVER THE POSITION, IT'S STILL HOT

*Note: Hachi is from Hachiko, the name of the dog statue at Shibuya station.

A SEEING EYE DOG, ISN'T IT?
IT WAS ALREADY THERE WHEN WE WENT PAST JUST NOW RIGHT?
?
?
GETS UP
AHH, THERE
SUCH AN OBEDIENT AMAZING AND CLEVER DOG
LOOKS LIKE ITS MASTER IS WORKING AT THIS HALL.
QUITE OFTEN IT SEEMS
Looks like some famous foreigner
CAESAR !
LOOK-ING THIS WAY
AH
...

HM?
WHAT'S WRONG?
SORRY, DID YOU WAIT LONG? CAESAR!
WOW, WHAT AN AMAZING SEEING EYE DOG.
WHAT? MASTER.
kee! saying that until now..
TELL ME.
...
...
I see! So cool. I really want.
Likes dogs.
THAT'S A RETRIEVER; A VERY SMART AND KIND DOG. A DOG LIKE THAT HAS A STRONG ENDURANCE
AND IS VERY LOYAL. A WONDERFUL DOG, ISN'T IT?
IT'S MASTER MUST BE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A DOG
Pat-t-t
Knows that she's being teased.
WHAT IS IT? SAY IT!!
WELL, YOU ALSO HAVE YOUR GOOD POINTS.
Some good points, eh?
Pat
WHAT IS IT? MASTER!! WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER? SMALL AND CUTE... YOU ALWAYS FOLLOWED HIM AROUND
?
?
IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD, THERE WAS A FAMILY RAISING A RETRIEVER PUPPY AS WELL
THOSE WHO BECOME SEEING EYE DOGS ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR MOTHER WHEN THEY ARE STILL A PUP
AT THAT TIME WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT PUPPY WAS RAISED TO BE A SEEING EYE DOG
COME TO THINK OF IT
AFTERWARDS THEY ARE SENT TO BE TRAINED AT THE "SEEING EYE DOG TRAINING CENTRE" IN THERE ONLY THE EXCELLENT DOGS...
WITH GOOD MANNERS WILL BECOME SEEING EYE DOGS OR NURSING DOGS.
THAT'S WHEN VOLUNTEERS STEP IN AND ACT AS THEIR "FOSTER PARENTS".

...
IN ORDER TO GET THEM ADAPTED TO THE TRAINING, AS WELL AS THE NEW ENVIRONMENT,
THE DOGS MUST NOT MEET THEIR "FOSTER PARENTS" FOR A SECOND TIME
Note: They are usually raised until they are a little bigger than Tonga.
AND I THOUGHT THAT HE GAVE AWAY HIS OWN PUPPY TO...
"WHY?"
AN ANIMAL CARE CENTRE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT
"WHY, UNCLE?"
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT UNCLE WAS A VOLUNTEER
...
WOOF WOOF WOOF
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MASTER! I DON'T REMEMBER ANYMORE! I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY!
Please don't make a sound like that
THAT DOG...
HOW'S HE BEEN DOING?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I THINK I SAID SOME PRETTY HARSH THINGS TO HIM
"CAESAR!"

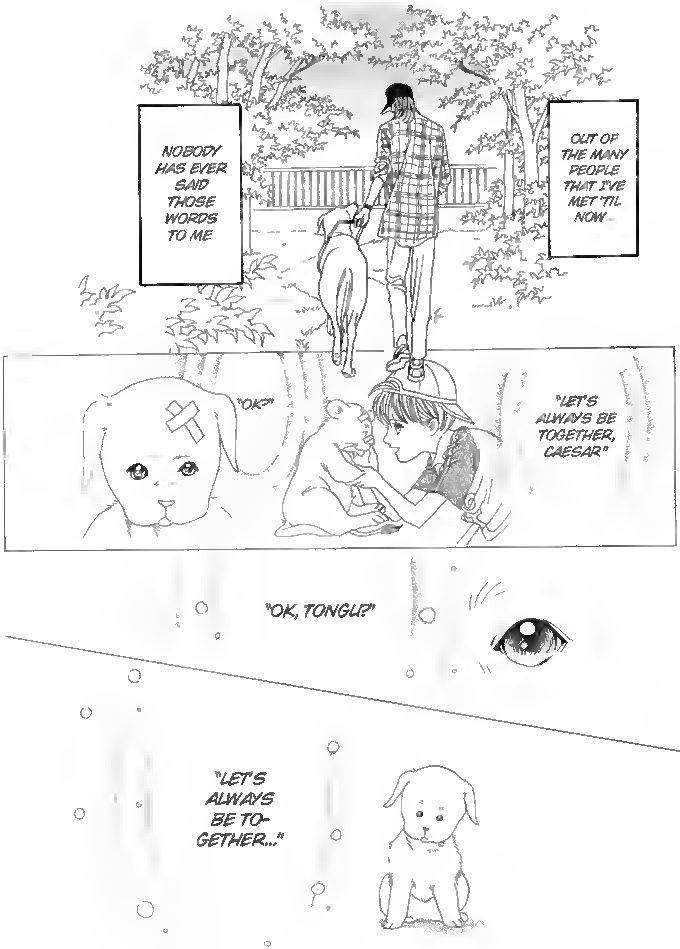
TONGU.
"OK?"
"OK?"
"LET'S ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, CAESAR."
"CAESAR!"
"...ALWAYS..."
TONGU!
TONGU!

SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
Hm?
AS AN APOLOGY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, I'LL GIVE YOU...
WHY ARE YOU SO DAZED FOR? I FEEL BAD FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG ARE YOU FEELING HOT?
TONIGHT'S DINNER WILL BE GEINZ OR VITA ONE*
ALL RIGHT! LET'S DO OUR BEST TO GET HOME TODAY AS WELL.
Mm
Ah!
A HOT KISS!
"Nitte" "Geinz" and "Vita One" are brand name for dog food
...IS MAKING YOU SO SAD?
WHAT..
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN JUST NOW?
WHAT'S WRONG?
AS WELL AS YOUR STOMACH CONDITION THIS MORNING
FROM YOUR FAVOURITE WALKING COURSE TO THE PUDDLE OF WATER THAT YOU HATE
BECAUSE OF GOOD TRAINING, YOU'VE BECOME AN OBEDIENT AND GOOD DOG
IT MAY BE THAT MY EYES CAN'T SEE BUT I CAN SEE EVERY-THING ELSE
DON'T BE SUR-PRISED

Ah, don't worry, sir! This one looks like a seeing dog.
This one must be smart
Ah! A seeing eye dog
While actually you're still your rebellious self.
I know how you made fools out of those aunties..
Avoid an reflex
Ah! dogs!
Surprised
That you're frightened of little girls with freckles and braided hair
SHOCKED
And the fresh cream on the foil in the garbage that you licked
And also..
How you're looking at me now with those beautiful eyes.
Until now..

HOW KIND AND SAD YOUR GAZE IS
I HAVE BEEN LOVED BY AND SEPARATED FROM MANY PEOPLE.
I HAVE BEEN HUGGED BY MANY PEOPLE.

RIGHT, LET'S GO HOME
THIS PERSON WILL PROBABLY BE THE ONE WHO SAYS IT TO ME
ALL THAT, PROBABLY JUST TO MEET THIS PERSON
TONKU


NOBODY HAS EVER SAID THOSE WORDS TO ME
OUT OF THE MANY PEOPLE THAT I'VE MET 'TIL NOW...
"OK!"
"LET'S ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, CAESAR"
"OK, TONGLI?"
"LET'S ALWAYS BE TO-GETHER..."

WILD CATS II / THE END

Happy Birthday, Magami31!

This project is your birthday present! I know that you're more of a dog person, but you're bound to like this big, pervy cat =D

And here's a Subee pet for you in case you decide that you don't like big, pervy cats after all... XD

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ライオンなのになぜかキュート!?
How can a lion be so cute!?
あのシーザーにまた会える!
We're going to see Caesar again!
巻頭カラー
70P
外見は百獣の王だけど中身はまるで天使!?奇跡の恋ライオンシーザーは今日も大好きなほっちゃんと一緒です♡
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清水玲子

WHEN I GROW OLDER, I WILL BE YOUNG MASTER'S BRIDE
CAESAR!!
MOVING IN SLEEP
Wiggle
Wiggle
stretch

CAESAR!
CAESAR!
PANT PANT
YOUNG MASTER....
HE'S A GROWN MAN NOW

NO ONE ELSE IS NICER, NO ONE ELSE IS MORE HANDSOME THAN MY MASTER
SINCE THE DAY HE FOUND ME EIGHT YEARS AGO, I'VE NEVER STOPPED HAVING THIS DREAM.
WE'LL HAVE 4 CHILDREN OF WHICH 2 OF THEM WILL BE HUMAN AND THE OTHER 2 WILL BE LIONS
MA-MA!
MA-MA!
MA-MA!
HO HO
I'LL ALWAYS LOOK AFTER MY FAMILY
I ENVY YOU, RYUUICHI -KUN. .
HOO— WHAT A BEAUTIFUL WIFE SHE IS
WHEN I GROW OLDER, I WILL BE YOUNG MASTER RYUUICHI'S BRIDE
YOU'RE SO BEAUTI-FUL, CAESAR.
FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL BE MY BRIDE

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FUFU I'M SO HAPPY
YOUNG MASTER..
IF I CAN BE YOUNG MASTER'S BRIDE..
PLEASE, DEAR LORD..
. I DON'T MIND IF I HAVE TO DIE FOR IT!!
Caesar
Caesar
PLEASE, SOME-HOW
.....
Caesar
STOMACH RUMBLING

HEY, IS THAT KAKEI?
GRANT MY WISH...
KAKEI RYUUICHI!!
KA-KEI...? YOU'RE KAKEI, AREN'T YOU?
THIS STRANGE-LOOKING HAIRDO IS EASY TO RECOG-NIZE!!
DON'T REMEMBER? HEY, WE GOT ALONG REALLY WELL BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH, RIGHT? THE FIVE OF US?
IT WAS SUMMER BACK THEN.

AH...
YOU STILL OWED US ONE, SHORTIE
YOU STILL KEEP THAT LAME LITTLE LION?
YOU REALLY ARE A PATHETIC PIECE OF SHIT!
Gyahaha
NOW THAT WE MEET AGAIN, WHAT DO YOU SAY IF WE ALL "PLAY" TOGETHER?
HMM?
rustle
HAHA
HAHAHA
HE DOESN'T CHANGE.
HE'S STILL AS CHEEKY AS HE WAS...
ISN'T HE?
rustle
THAT WAS WHY WE BULLIED HIM
AH, SORRY, MY BAD
MY HAND JUST SLIPPED!
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
clatter

HUH, TOMOKI?
WHO DO YOU THINK DOESN'T CHANGE?

? ? HUH? KAKEI.
YOU'RE TALL ?
AH...
EVEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, YOU ALL STILL HAVE THIS HABIT OF BULLYING
...
...
twitch
I GREW UP
AAH!
SWOOSH
BY THE WAY.

SO, IF YOU STILL WANT TO PLAY, IT'S FINE WITH ME.
I DO BOXING NOW
MY BAND-AID!
AH!
FALL OFF
THE BAND-AID!

BUT DON'T DO IT IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE
PULL
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH YOU TOMOKO?
!
HIKAWADAI! HIKAWADAI!
HIKAWADAI STATION
AH!
I JUST REMEMBERED! I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE!
HEE...
THE YOUNGEST OF THE KAKEI BROTHERS FROM NISHI HIGH COMPETED IN A NATIONAL BOXING TOURNAMENT. SO IT WAS REALLY ABOUT HIM THEN!!
TONS OF PRESENTS AND FLOWER BOUQUETS!!
FROM THE TOURNAMENT?
HE WAS GIVEN LOTS OF GREAT STUFF!

KAKEI.. HE STILL REMEMBERS MY NAME..
NONE OF US HAVE CHANGED..
THAT SHORT LITTLE KAKEI IS NOW..
WE USED TO SELLY THAT KIND OF GUY.
-SILENCE-
NO ONE ELSE IS NICER..
THE IMAGE
AND NOW..
NO ONE ELSE IS MORE HANDSOME.
gulp
AH, I GOT IT NOW

FOR ALL TIME
NO ONE ELSE IS STRONGER THAN MY YOUNG MASTER RYUUICHI!
FOR CERTAIN.
AH! THAT BOY JUST NOW!
GTUSH
YOUNG MAS-TER!
thump thump thump thump
I'M GOING TO BE YOUNG MASTER RYUUICHI'S BRIDE...
I'M HOME!

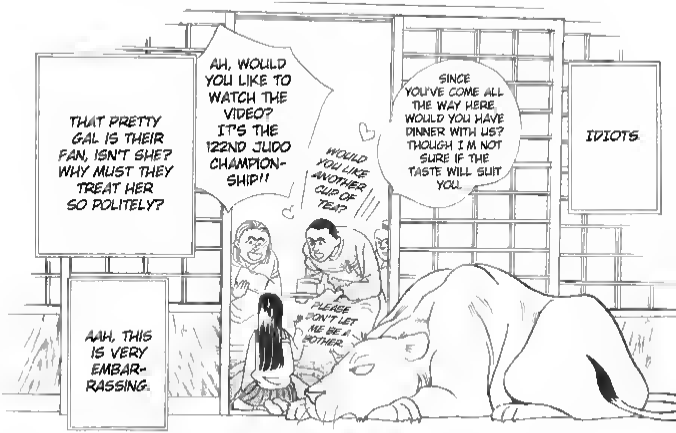
slide

A JOYFULLY, PASSIONATELY FURIOUS WELCOME! (IT'S LIKE THIS EVERYDAY...)
YOUNG MASTER!!
HELLO, CAESAR!
熱烈歓迎
ドシン

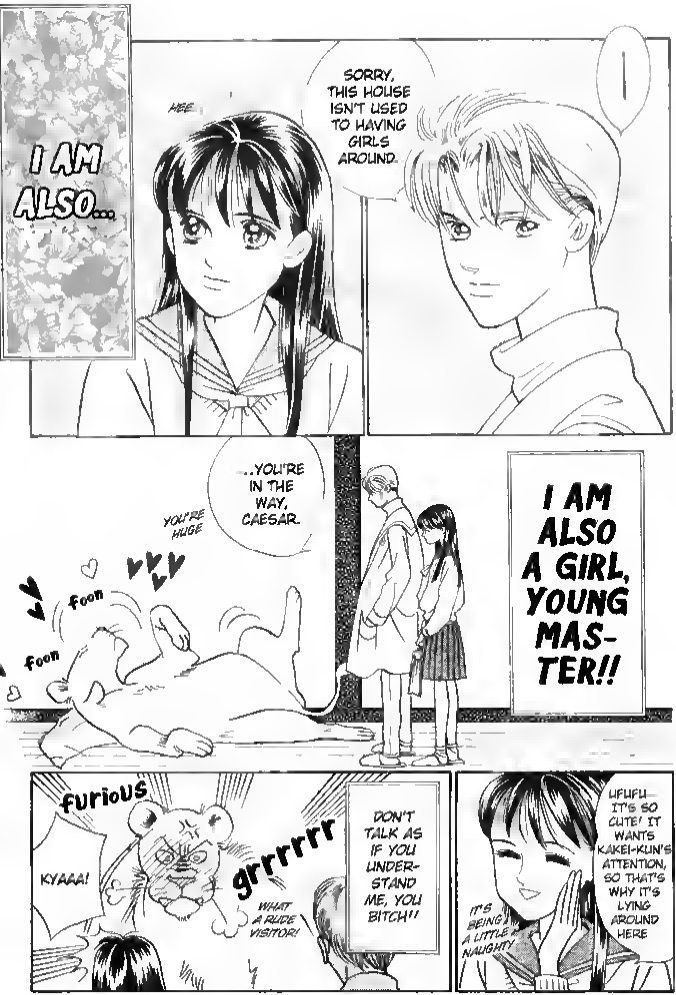
I'M KAKEI-KUN'S CLASSMATE AND HIS BOXING CLUB'S MANAGER, KIKUCHI MAI. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
AH, KIKUCHI-SAN...
AH WHAT AN AMAZING PAUSE...
creak
YOUNG...
YOU'LL BE CRUSHED!
IT'S DANGEROUS.
HUH?
YOUNG MASTER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH HER!?
YOU MEANIE!
CAUSE SHE'S HEAVY AND DIRTY.
YOUNG...
WHY?

I'M SORRY I CAME HERE WITHOUT NOTICE.
I HAVE TO GIVE KAKEI-KUN A HANDOUT SINCE IT'S CLOSE, I DECIDED TO COME IN PERSON. I'M SORRY I'M BEING A BOTHER
U UWAA
YES.
AH!
NO, I MEAN, NO, PLEASE, TAKE YOUR TIME.
SORRY ABOUT THAT. HE'S CARE-LESS.
THEY'RE ALL HERE
SHE'S A FAN OF ALL YOU WOMEN-MANIACS
AL-TO-GE-THER
EH?
REALLY?
WHICH ONE OF US?
THE SIX KAKEI BROTHER'S STRENGTHS ARE FAMOUS. EVEN NOW I HAVE LOTS OF YOUR PICTURES IN THE CLUBROOM
EEH DON'T SAY THAT, KAKEI-KUN YES I WAS AT THE TOURNAMENT
.....
HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU THAT YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE KANNO*?
THIS IS SO COOL! WE'VE HEARD BEFORE THAT WE HAVE FANS SOME-WHERE, BUT TO MEET ONE FACE TO FACE LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME!
HEY, HEY, WHICH OF THE FIVE OF US THAT YOU LIKE MOST?
WHICH TOURNA-MENT WAS IT?

* KANNO MIHO: PERHAPS? SHE'S A BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS SHE'S APPARENTLY BEEN IN IGUANA NO MUSUME DOKU SOMMELIER, KOI NO KISEKI, DAYS AI WO KUDASAI AND MORE (SOURCE KAYING)


THAT PRETTY GAL IS THEIR FAN, ISN'T SHE? WHY MUST THEY TREAT HER SO POLITELY?
AAH, THIS IS VERY EMBARRASSING.
AH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO WATCH THE VIDEO? IT'S THE 122ND JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP!!
WOULD YOU LIKE ANOTHER CUP OF TEA?
PLEASE DON'T LET ME BE A BROTHER
SINCE YOU'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE WOULD YOU HAVE DINNER WITH US? THOUGH I'M NOT SURE IF THE TASTE WILL SUIT YOU.
IDIOTS

HUH!?
AH, YES! IT'S ALREADY TIME
YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY?
BUT YOU HAVEN'T WATCHED THE VIDEO TO THE END
THANK YOU SO MUCH! I HAD LOTS OF FUN!!
DON'T YOU HAVE PRIVATE LESSONS AT 7?
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE STATION
KIKUCHI-SAN, AREN'T YOU GOING TO BE LATE?
IS IT OKAY? THIS MATCH BRINGS TEARS TO MY EYES WATCH CLOSELY AFTER THIS!! THAT CONCLUSIVE TECHNIQUE IS AMAZING!!
SHE WOULDN'T LIKE TO WATCH VIDEOS!
ON THE CONTRARY, I KIND OF LIKE IT
SHE'S A GIRL!
THE ONE THE GAL LIKES MOST
YOU SAVED ME
THANKS, KAKEI-KUN.
THE ONE SHE LIKES MOST IS


I AM ALSO...
HEE
SORRY, THIS HOUSE ISN'T USED TO HAVING GIRLS AROUND.
I
...YOU'RE IN THE WAY, CAESAR.
YOU'RE HUGE
foom
foom
foom
I AM ALSO A GIRL, YOUNG MASTER!!
furious
KYAAA!
grrrrrr
WHAT A RUDE VISITOR!
DON'T TALK AS IF YOU UNDERSTAND ME, YOU BITCH!!
UFUFU... IT'S SO CUTE! IT WANTS KAKEI-KUN'S ATTENTION, SO THAT'S WHY IT'S LYING AROUND HERE
IT'S BEING A LITTLE NAUGHTY

AH!
I'M SCARED, KAKEI-KUN...
AH!
AH!
WHAT THE HELL IS CAESAR DOING?
AH, SHE ALWAYS BANGS HER HEAD WHEN SHE'S MAD AT HERSELF.
ANYWAY, WASN'T SHE CUTE THAT WAY, CHIAKI?
WHAT WAS THAT?
BANG!
WHAT WAS THAT?
BANG!
WHAT WAS THAT?
BANG!
AA AA AA AH!

YES.
WELL, THAT'S THE STATION.
WHAT ABOUT THE HAND-OUT?
KIKU-CHI!
HUH?
.....
THANK YOU FOR TAKING ME THIS FAR, KAKEI-KUN.
AH.
EH?
THE HANDOUT

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "EH"??
THE HANDOUT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE ME?
YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN IT TO ME.
I DON'T HAVE IT.
HUH?
!
OH, COME ON NOW...
Squeeze

KAKEI-KUN...
I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR ANSWER ABOUT THIS RELATIONSHIP
MY FEAR HAS BEEN AROUSED

INTERESTED IN GIRLS
YOUNG MASTER RYUUICHI IS FINALLY..
IDIOTS! SHE'S BEEN RYUUICHI'S FAN FROM THE BEGINNING!
EEH!? ISN'T SHE OUR FAN?
WITH YOU, RYUU-ICHI?
EEH? THE GIRL THAT ONE WHO LOOKS LIKE KANNO? FROM BEFORE?
HE HASN'T HAD ANY GIRL-FRIENDS.
THIS BASTARD! YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE OF US TO HAVE A GIRL!!
ALTHOUGH YOU'RE THE YOUNGEST!
THIS IS HOPE-LESS..
HOPE-LESS.

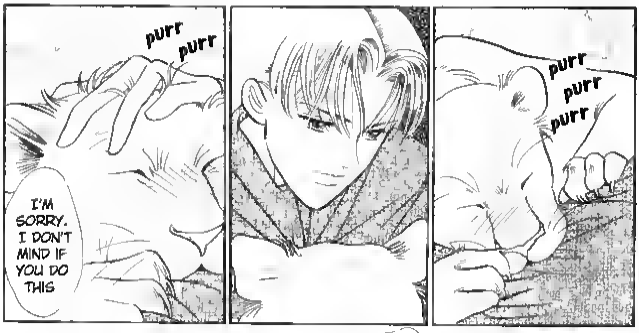
MY DREAM OF BECOMING YOUNG MASTER'S BRIDE.
CAN I RIDE ON THE BACK?
EH BUT ISN'T IT AGAINST THE LAW...?
IT'S OKAY.
HOP ON!
...IS NO LONGER...
hold tight
...
IT'S AL-RIGHT.
NO LONGER.
CAE-SAR?
shiver
shiver
shiver
NO LONG-ER.
HELLO, ♡ CAE-SAR!
LATELY KAKEI-KUN HASN'T BEEN AROUND MUCH TO FEED YOU, SO HE GETS WORRIED HE BOUGHT YOU THIS KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN

KIKUCHI!
KYAA AAA!
ゲロ!!
CAE-SAR!!
Minami Veterinary
HUH...?
Caesar
.....
SHE'S LOVESICK...

WITH SOME ADDITIONAL NUTRIENTS, SHE'LL GET BETTER IN NO TIME, BUT...
SHE'S 8 YEARS-OLD, ISN'T SHE? SHE'S MATURE ENOUGH TO MATE.
YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
REALLY..?
IT'LL BE BETTER FOR HER TO HAVE A CONTRACEPTION SURGERY, JUST LIKE THE ONE FOR CATS. IF SHE'S NOT GOING TO GIVE BIRTH.
SHE'S ON THE EXAMINATION TABLE.
IF SHE WON'T EAT AGAIN, SHE'LL BE TOO WEAK TO HAVE ANY NUTRIENT INJECTIONS.
THOUGH IT'S STRANGE THAT SHE'S BEEN REFUSING HER MEALS FOR 2 DAYS.
IT'S HER MATING SEASON.
CAESAR HAS BEEN VOMITING HER GASTRIC JUICE
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER.
purr
purr
purr
I'VE RAISED A DOG BEFORE. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER KEPT AN ABANDONED LION.
SO, PLEASE, TELL ME...
YEAH.
INSTEAD OF CATS OR DOGS, YOU CHOSE TO LIKE LIONS
purr
purr
EXCUSE ME, BUT...
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT... LOVESICK THING?
THERE ARE NO OTHER LIONS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD, SO.

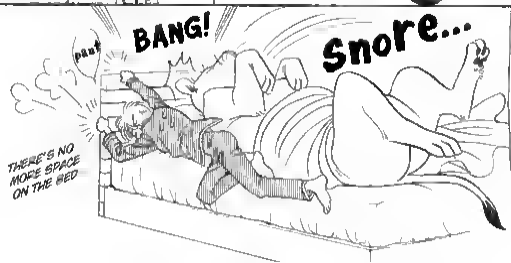
THIS GIRL
pat
pat
WHEN I SEE HER, I UNDERSTAND
THERE ISN'T AN ANIMAL WHO CAN TELL LIES, SO IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THEM, YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.
push
Purr
Purr
Purr
push
Sniff

SHE JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO DO IT ANYMORE...
IT WASN'T THAT SHE GREW OUT OF THE HABIT.
purr
purr
WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE, SHE OFTEN DID IT BUT LATELY, I DON'T THINK SHE DOES IT ANYMORE
THIS HABIT..
purr
purr
SHE USED TO HAVE A HABIT OF SUCKING AT SWEATERS AS IF SHE'S MILKING. BUT JUST LIKE CATS, SHE WAS QUICK TO LEARN TO WEAN OTHER FOOD
NO
I'VE NEVER HELD HER CLOSE AGAIN
(CURRENTLY, SHE WEIGHS ABOUT 100 KG OR SO ..)
purr
purr
purr
SINCE SHE'S GROWN SO BIG..
SHE'S GROWN THIS BIG EVEN THOUGH SHE DOESN'T EAT


purr
purr
I'M SORRY. I DON'T MIND IF YOU DO THIS
purr
purr
purr

CAE-SAR..

RYUU, RYUU-ICHI?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?
GET OFF, YOU IDIOT!
HUH
purr
purr
purr
CAESAR!! YOU'RE HEAVY, YOU'RE HEAVY, YOU'RE HEAVY!!
OH COME ON


BANG!
Snore...
AND THEN, FOR THE FIRST IN A LONG TIME SHE SLEEPS RIGHT BESIDE HIM
THERE'S NO MORE SPACE ON THE BED

YEAH, HE GOES TO THE PARK WITH CAESAR ON SUNDAYS. .
DIDN'T YOU GO TOGETHER?
KAKEI-KUN ISN'T HOME?
HUH?
AH, OKAY, GOT IT! THANK YOU FOR COMING!!
IT'S A GREAT COMPETITION THIS YEAR!
DO YOU WANT TO WATCH THE VIDEO TOGETHER? WE CAN WATCH FROM WHERE WE LEFT OFF UNTIL RYUUICHI COMES HOME
AH, WELL, MAI-CHAN!!
SHE'S VERY PRETTY. ISN'T SHE GREAT?
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, YOU'RE PRETTY STRAIGHT-FORWARD!
HEE.. YOU TWO HIT IT OFF PRETTY WELL, DIDN'T YOU?
.....
WHAT THE HELL IS RYUUICHI UP TO? CANCELING ON DATES OVER A LION. .
AAH LEAVING A CUTIE LIKE THAT ALONE ON SUNDAYS

WE, YOUR BROTHERS, THINK THAT IT'S BETTER TO LOVE WOMEN THAN ANIMALS, YOU SEE...
GEEZ, I GUESS YOU'RE REALLY A LATE BLOOMER.
I THINK IT'S STUPID TO WASTE YOUR TIME ON ANIMALS
YOU'RE NOW OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE A FEW ADULT MAGAZINES, YOU KNOW
HA HA HA
I WAS AFRAID THAT YOUR LOVE FOR DOGS AND LIONS IS MORE THAN JUST A HOBBY, YOU KNOW.
MAYBE...
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
GOOD NIGHT
C'MON, CAESAR.
purr ♡
NO WAY!!

CLOSE THE DOOR, WILL YA?
TRUST ME, RYUU-ICHI...
EVEN MEN ARE OK BECAUSE AT LEAST THEY'D BE HUMAN.
SOMEHOW I THINK IT'S JUST LIKE IN THE MANGAS WHERE A DOG AN A LION PLAY SOCCER TOGETHER
PASS PASS!
JUST LIKE IN CHILDHOOD STORIES
SO I WENT TO THE PARK AS WELL.
THERE ARE ONLY HUMAN KIDS HERE
ON SUNDAYS?
YES SINCE SHE VOMITED THE OTHER DAY SHE HASN'T BEEN EATING I CAN'T BREAK THE PROMISE I MADE TO THE DOCTOR TO TAKE CARE OF HER.
.....
CAESAR? THAT LION?
I CAN'T, SUNDAY I HAVE TO TAKE CAESAR FOR A WALK

AH, SATURDAY.....
HOW ABOUT WE MEET ON SATURDAY? WE'LL GO TO A PLACE YOU LIKE
IT'S OKAY DON'T BOTHER PLANNING TO MEET UP ON PURPOSE WE CAN STILL MEET AT CLUB ACTIVITIES
I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT ANYWAY THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO ON SATURDAY. SORRY.
REALLY, IT'S OKAY.
I SAID, IT'S OKAY!!
IT'S REALLY NOT A BOTHER, KIKUCHI.
I'M GOING SHOPPING WITH MY FRIENDS
ACTUALLY, I'VE PLANS TOO FOR SUNDAY
WELL, BYE, THEN
...
HUH? YOU CONFESSED TO KAKEI-KUN? NO WAY! WAS IT "OKAY"?
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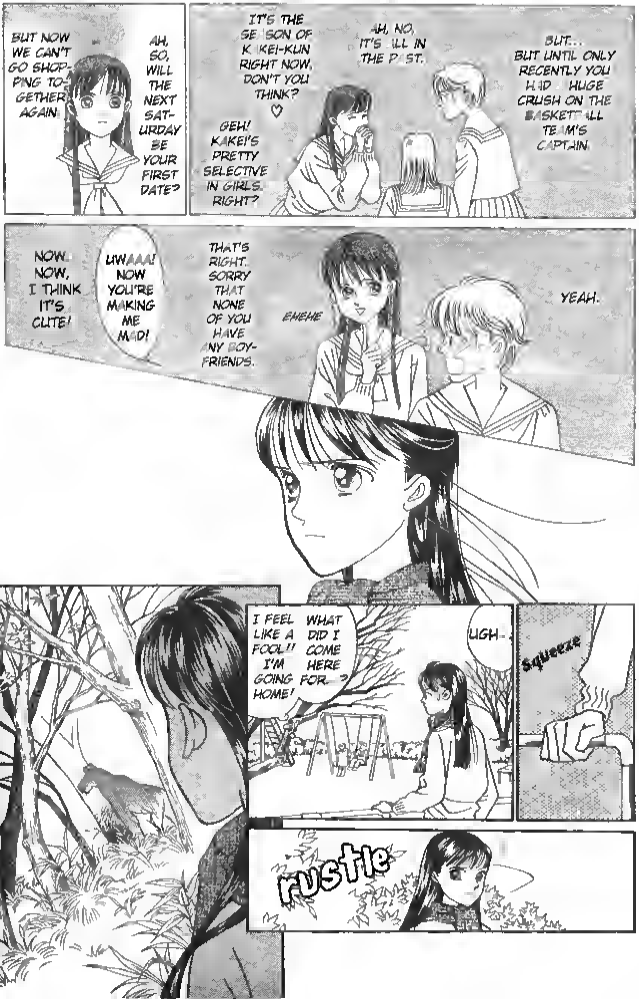

BUT NOW WE CAN'T GO SHOPPING TOGETHER AGAIN.
AH, SO, WILL THE NEXT SATURDAY BE YOUR FIRST DATE?
IT'S THE SECOND OF KIKEI-KUN RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU THINK?
GEH! KAKEI'S PRETTY SELECTIVE IN GIRLS, RIGHT?
AH, NO, IT'S ALL IN THE PAST.
BUT... BUT UNTIL ONLY RECENTLY YOU HAD A HUGE CRUSH ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM'S CAPTAIN.
NOW, NOW, I THINK IT'S CUTE!
UWAAA! NOW YOU'RE MAKING ME MAD!
THAT'S RIGHT. SORRY THAT NONE OF YOU HAVE ANY BOYFRIENDS.
EHEHE
YEAH.
I FEEL LIKE A FOOL!! I'M GOING HOME!
WHAT DID I COME HERE FOR...?
UGH-
Squeeze
rustle

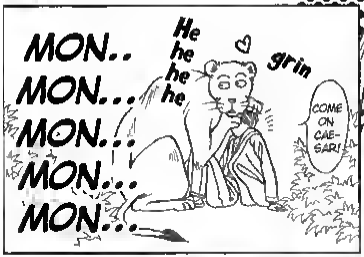
? WHAT'S IT STARING AT?
THAT'S THE LION THAT SPEWED ON ME
AH!
rustle
rustle
rustle
sta---re
Tsink

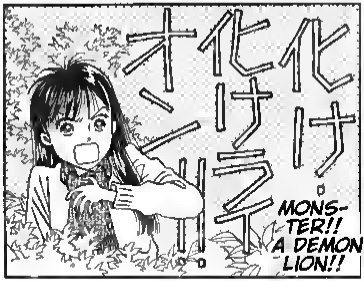
SWOOSH
KAINJAIN
THANK YOU PLEASE COME AGAIN!
CAESAR!

THIS ISN'T FOR YOU, YOU SILLY.
WHAT'S WRONG, CAESAR?
HUH?
...

HEY..
OKAY
OKAY
I'LL SHOW YOU.
I'LL SHOW YOU, SO GET OFF.

HERE.
Sniff
Sniff
THIS ISN'T FOOD, YOU KNOW.
Sniff
Sniff
.....
Cover
GLANCE
I CAN'T SEE!
HEY!
HEY!
gulp
.....
HEY!
CAE-SAR.
たり
evil grin


MON..
MON...
MON..!
MON...
MON...
He he he he
grin
COME ON CAE-SAR!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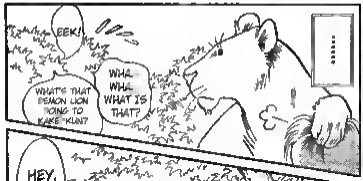
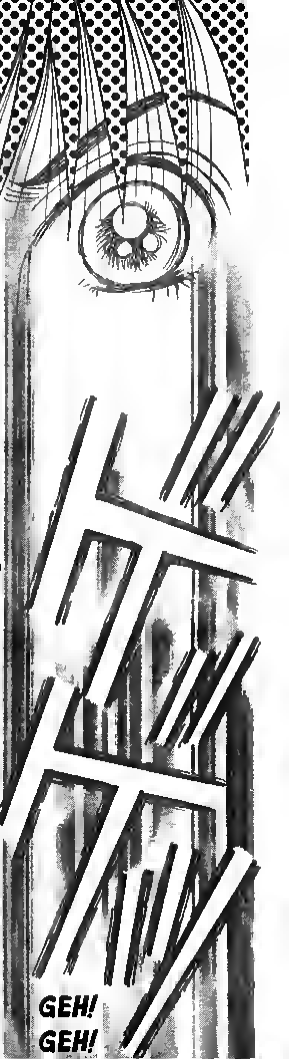
MONS-TER!! A DEMON LION!!


EEK!
WHAT'S THAT DEMON LION DOING TO KAKE-KUN?
WHA WHA WHAT IS THAT?
.....

HEY, CAE-SAR.
I THINK I OVER DID IT A LITTLE BIT.


GEH! GEH!

NO, DON'T.
ISN'T THIS BEAUTIFUL?
THIS ISN'T... YOUR TOY.
IT BELONGS TO A HUMAN GIRL.
IT'S A HAIR ORNAMENT.
BECAUSE HER HAIR IS BEAUTIFUL
AS HE'S SAYING IT, HE PUTS BACK THAT IMPORTANT THING TO THE BOX LIKE THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE

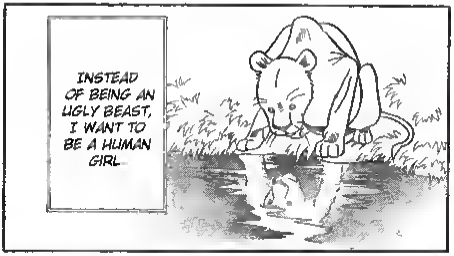
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SCARE HER.
IF I KNEW ABOUT IT BE-FO-RE,
C'MON, LET'S GO HOME, CAESAR
AH, IT'S A LION!
IT'S KAKEI-NIICHAN'S LION.
IT'S CAE-SAR!
WHO'S SO COOL!
YEAH...
HELLO, CAESAR!
HERE, CAESAR
Caesar

CAE-SAR
I GOT YOU SOME FINE MEAT TODAY.
AT LEAST TODAY, YOU HAVE TO EAT A LITTLE IT'S TASTY!
YOU ..
NO ONE WILL LOVE YOU ANYMORE IF YOU DON'T EAT
CAE-SAR .
DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?
IF YOU DON'T EAT, YOU WILL DIE
IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL FALL INTO A SLEEP WHERE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ME ANYMORE
YOU'LL BE SO THIN AND THEN YOU'LL DIE, YOU KNOW!

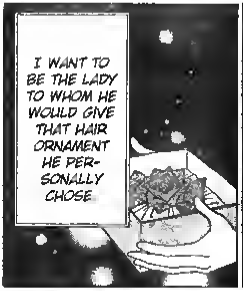
PLEASE EAT SO YOU CAN GET BETTER SOON..
CAE-SAR..
PLEASE EAT.
BEFORE, THE NEIGHBOR'S FIRST GENERATION DOG, ICHIROU, ONCE BIT HIS MASTER'S HAND HE WAS DEPRAVED OF FOOD FOR A WHOLE WEEK AS THE PUNISHMENT FOR HIS CRIME
HE DIED OF SENILITY LAST YEAR.
NOW HIS SECOND GENERATION OFFSPRING ARE ALIVE
THE KNOWLEDGEABLE ICHIROU TOLD ME HIS OTHER REASON FOR NOT EATING ANYMORE
THAT IS, TO HAVE HIS WISH GRANTED

THOSE THINGS ARE LIKE "CIGARETTE" OR "GAMBLING", VARYING ACCORDING TO EACH INDIVIDUAL HUMAN
IT'S A HUMAN DEED THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR WISH FULFILLED, THEY VOW TO DEPRAVE THEMSELVES OF THE ONE THING THEY LOVE MOST.
IF ONE DEPRAVES ONESELF OF THE THING ONE NEEDS MOST, THE CHANCE OF ONE'S WISH TO COME TRUE IS BETTER.
Caesar
grrrrrrrrr!
PLEASE GRANT MY WISH.
.....
grrrrrrrrr!
Caesar
stomach rumbling

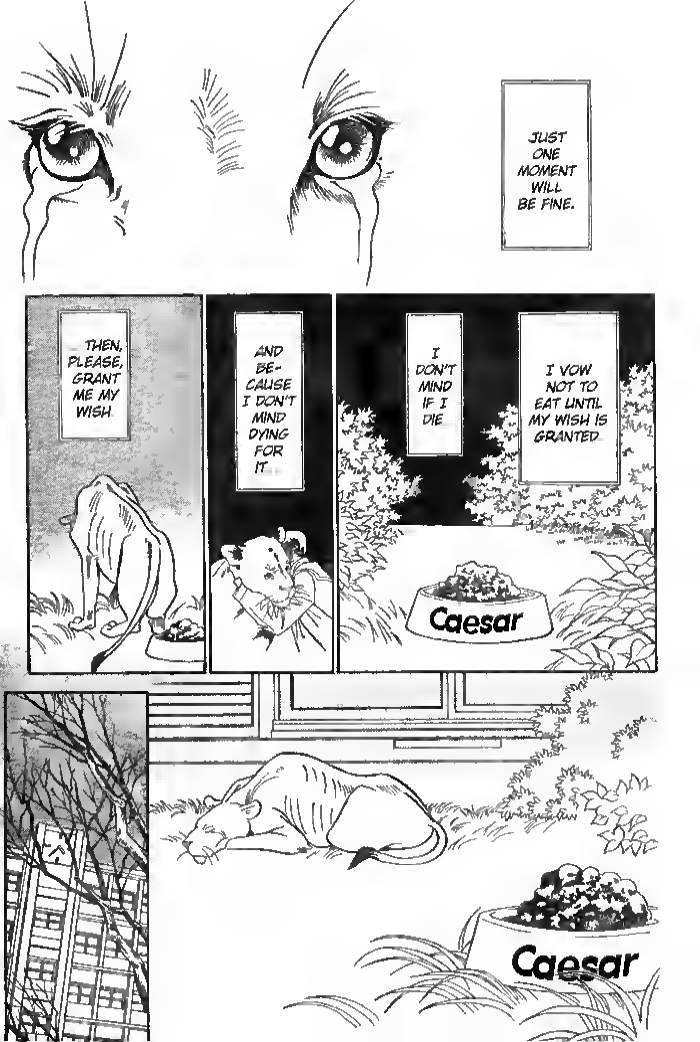
"KAKEI-KUN!"
YOUNG MASTER...

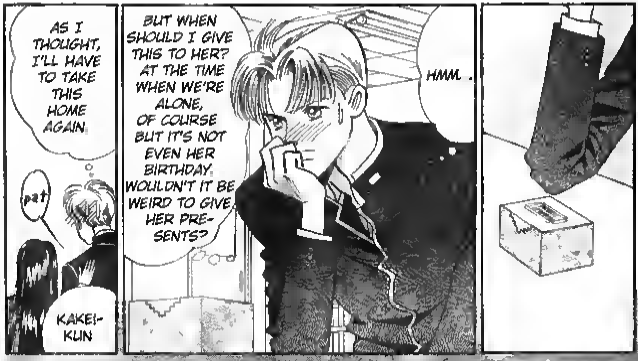


I WANT TO BE A HUMAN.



JUST ONE DAY
JUST ONE DAY WILL BE FINE
I WANT TO BE THE PERSON FOR WHOM HE THINKS ABOUT WITH THAT KIND OF EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE


JUST ONE MOMENT WILL BE FINE.
I VOW NOT TO EAT UNTIL MY WISH IS GRANTED.
I DON'T MIND IF I DIE.
AND BE-CAUSE I DON'T MIND DYING FOR IT...
THEN, PLEASE, GRANT ME MY WISH.
Caesar
Caesar


AS I THOUGHT, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THIS HOME AGAIN.
pat
KAKEI-KUN
BUT WHEN SHOULD I GIVE THIS TO HER? AT THE TIME WHEN WE'RE ALONE, OF COURSE BUT IT'S NOT EVEN HER BIRTHDAY. WOULDN'T IT BE WEIRD TO GIVE HER PRE-SENTS?
HMM.

NOO! WHAT!?
SHE SURPRISED HERSELF
UWAA-AA!!!

APPLYING TO OTHER CLUB?
WHAT CLUB IS THAT?
EH...

THE BASKET-BALL TEAM'S CAPTAIN, HAYATA, ASKED ME PERSONALLY.
OVER THE PHONE, LAST NIGHT.
LIKE I SAID..
hide
YOU DIDN'T APPLY FOR MY SAKE, RIGHT?
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?
WHY
SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
.....
HOW COME A GIRL LIKE THIS IS POPULAR?
IF YOU SAY THAT YOU LOVE ME.
HAVE YOU DECIDED IT?
. I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE.

HUH?
.....
IS IT ME OR CAESAR THAT YOU LIKE MOST?
DO YOU REALLY LOVE ME?
HUH?
IS IT ME.
WHAT?
SO WHAT IF IT IS!?
BUT CAESAR'S A LION!
IF YOU WANT TO BE WITH ME, I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE BUT ME!
LIONS COULD GET SICK, RIGHT? THEY COULD DIE, RIGHT?
I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF RELATIONSHIP
I..

I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT PATIENTLY AND PRETEND TO BE HAPPY ANYMORE!
I CAN'T BE WITH THAT KIND OF PERSON ANYMORE!
...SO HAPPY...
WHEN YOU'RE WITH A COMPANION THAT ISN'T A DOG, OR A CAT, OR ME, HOW COME YOU CAN BE SO...!!
EH?
?
KIKU-CHI

I'M SORRY THIS DIDN'T WORK
I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I DO CAESAR OR ANYONE ELSE. FROM NOW ON, I WANT TO BE WITH YOU.
SORRY
IF THAT'S THE KIND OF PERSON YOU WISH FOR, THEN THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BE HIM
GOODBYE
KAKEI-KUN!
KAKEI-KUN? WAIT A MINUTE, WHAT'S THIS?
KAKEI-KUN

rustle
WHY DIDN'T YOU EAT?
wiggle
wiggle
CAESAR
caesar
IT'S OKAY, DON'T GET UP.
wiggle
wiggle
wiggle
wiggle
YOUNG MASTER.
THERE ISN'T AN ANIMAL WHO CAN TELL LIES SO IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THEM, YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEY'RE THINKING.
Sniff
Sniff
YOU'VE BECOME THIS THIN
ABOUT YOU.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ANYMORE
ABOUT KIKUCHI TOO.
?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND

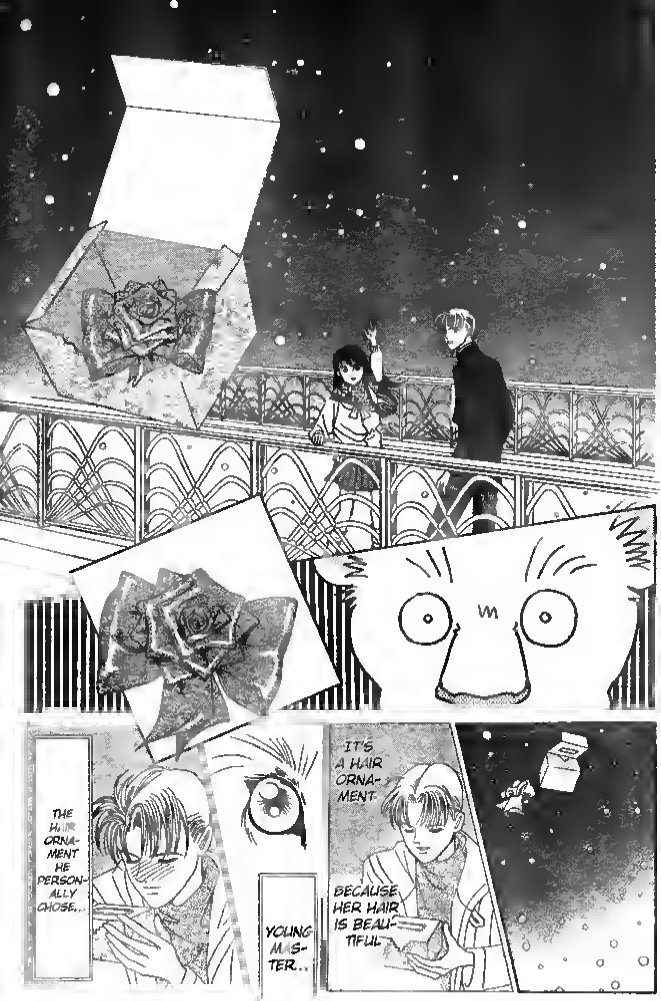
WHAT IS SHE THINKING? WHAT DOES SHE WANT?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
SHE KEEPS CHANGING THE THINGS SHE SAYS
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M TELLING YOU I WANT TO BE WITH THE CAPTAIN
...SO ANSWER ME
I LOVE YOU, KAKEI-KUN
AH! I DON'T WANT IT LIKE THAT!!
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE GOT TO DO ON SUNDAY
REALLY, IT'S OKAY I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT ANYWAY
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT AT ALL
KIKU-CHI.

KIKU-CHI!
KIKU-CHI?
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
KIKU..
I'M GOING TO BE WITH THE BASKETBALL TEAM'S CAPTAIN!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN.
.....
I'M TIRED OF YOU!

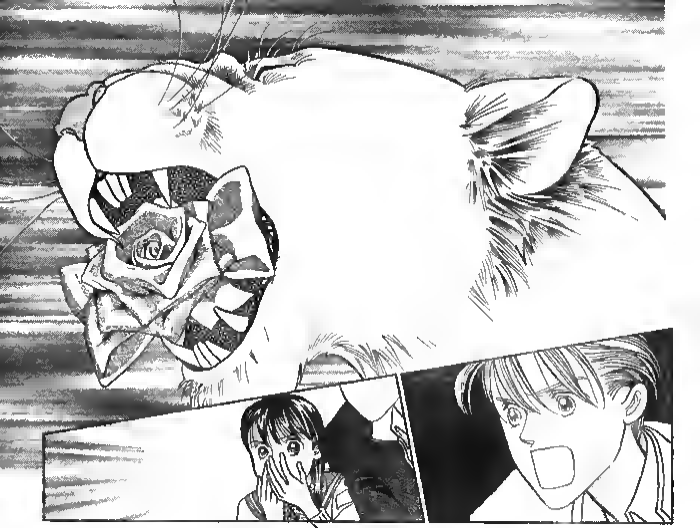
...WHAT I AM TO YOU!
YOU SHOULD'VE UNDERSTOOD...
IF YOU HAD TRIED TO UNDERSTAND ME BETTER...
...THEN WHY AM I SAYING ALL THESE THINGS?
YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT THE ANIMAL THAT CAN'T SPEAK..
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!
pant
pant
IF ONLY YOU'D LOOK AT ME LIKE YOU LOOK AT CAESAR...
OH NO..
THIS IS BAD..
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T TRY TO UNDERSTAND ME HARD ENOUGH!
BUT YOU TRY HARD FOR CAESAR!

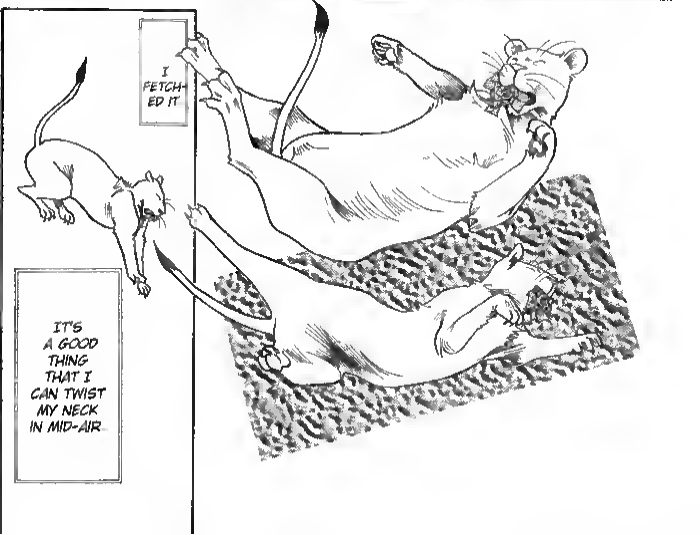
SORRY
YES, I DIDN'T DO IT.
.....
BECAUSE I NEVER EAT, THESE LEGS SEEM TO..
heave
heave
slap
AH!

HE... HE... HE... HE...
HE GOT SLAPPED!
MY YOUNG MASTER WAS...
THAT
ぶあっ
furious
BITCH!
I...
Ah!
I DON'T WANT THIS ANYMORE!

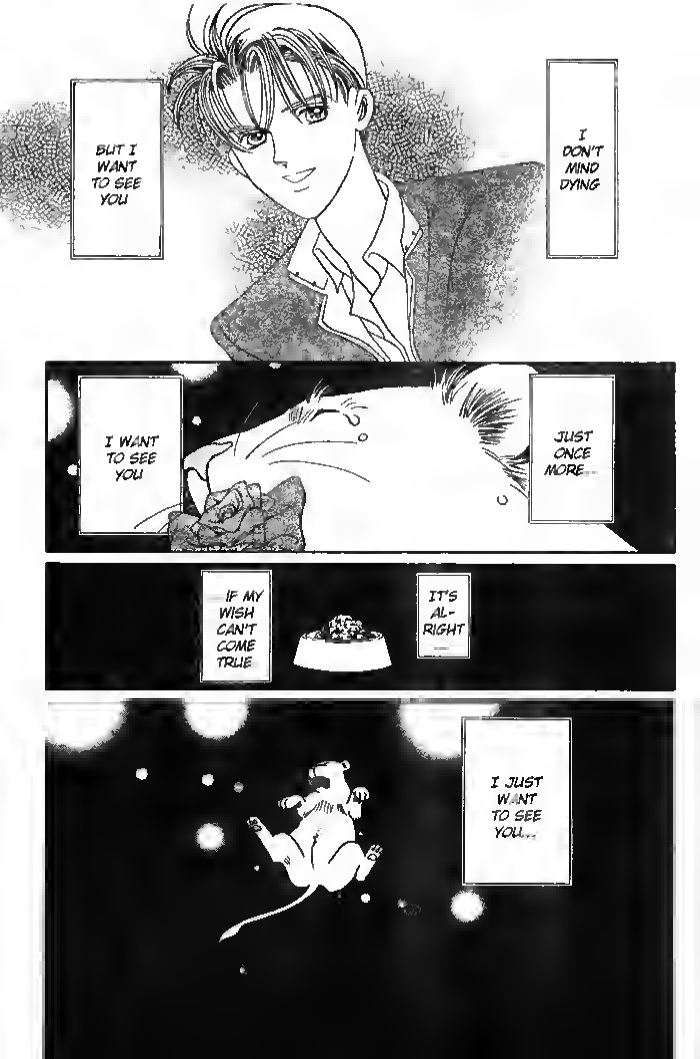

IT'S A HAIR ORNA-MENT.
BECAUSE HER HAIR IS BEAU-TIFUL.
YOUNG MAS-TER...
THE HAIR ORNA-MENT HE PERSON-ALLY CHOSE...

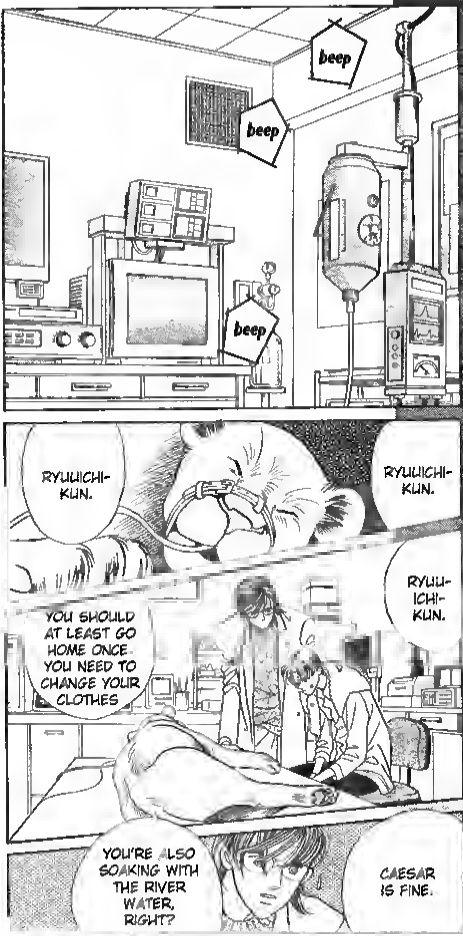
THE HAIR ORNA-MENT!
CAE-SAR!!
KYAAAAA!!




I FETCHED IT
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT I CAN TWIST MY NECK IN MID-AIR.

I HAVE TO RECOVER
BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN THE COLD, COLD RIVERBED.
IT'S TIME TO MOVE MY BODY...
AH, I THINK, THIS IS PROBABLY THE WAY I'M GOING TO DIE.
BECAUSE I MADE THE VOW
"IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU'LL FALL INTO A SLEEP WHERE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ME ANYMORE."
"IF YOU DON'T EAT, YOU WILL DIE."
I HAVE TO SCRAMBLE UNDER THE FROZEN RIVER
YOUNG MASTER...


BUT I WANT TO SEE YOU
I DON'T MIND DYING
I WANT TO SEE YOU
JUST ONCE MORE...
IF MY WISH CAN'T COME TRUE
IT'S AL-RIGHT
I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU...


beep
beep
beep
RYUUICHI-KUN.
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RYUU-ICHI-KUN.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST GO HOME ONCE. YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.
YOU'RE ALSO SOAKING WITH THE RIVER WATER, RIGHT?
CAESAR IS FINE.

AT THE VET CLINIC..
stretch
stretch
wiggle
wiggle
Wig-gle
MOVING IN SLEEP
(LOOKS LIKE SHE'S HAVING A WONDERFUL DREAM.)
C'MON, YOU'VE GOT TO EAT THIS!
THE SADISTIC DOCTOR FORCED THE LIQUID FOOD DOWN MY THROAT, ENDING MY SHORT-LIVED VOW.
EAT MORE!

LIONS CAN'T BECOME HUMAN
ALL OF MY LIFE
...THAT MIRACLE WON'T EVER HAPPEN.
I WILL PROBABLY DIE LIKE THIS, KNOWING THAT I WON'T EVER BE A HUMAN.
I'M SORRY, KAKEI-KUN..
ARE YOU WITH THE CAPTAIN NOW?
IT'S OKAY.
YES.
SOMEDAY, YOUNG MASTER WILL TAKE SOMEONE TO BE HIS BRIDE
IT'S ALRIGHT.
DON'T CRY
I'M REALLY SORRY..
BUT I ACTUALLY LOVED KAKEI-KUN..

BECAUSE THE DAY I WILL BE HIS BRIDE WON'T EVER COME FOR GOOD
AND I WILL BE WATCHING BY HIS SIDE
CAESAR!
BUT SOME-TIMES..
CAESAR, COME HERE!
MY WISH COMES TRUE
OPEN THIS! IT'S TO CELEBRATE YOUR RECO-VERY.
?
BECAUSE YOU HELD IT IN YOUR MOUTH..
.. I CHOSE THE ANOTHER ONE THAT REALLY SUITS YOU.
IT'S CHEAPER BECAUSE THE PIN IS SHORTER.

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